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A Word to Quorum Class Leaders and Members

Doubtless all will agree that the great aim in studying the subject, *Jesus The Christ*, is to enlarge our knowledge of facts, to increase our faith in the divine mission of the Son of God, and to learn the doctrines of the plan of salvation. To accomplish this there must be a clear notion in the minds of all, and especially in the mind of the class leader, of what each chapter treats.

The first essential is to read the text, in connection with the Scriptures bearing on the subject, indicated by the references at the foot of the pages, and reprinted under each lesson in these outlines. This will lay a splendid foundation for a better understanding of the subject.

The references have to do with the subdivision of the chapter headings, and not with the questions or problems of the analysis.

The references have two purposes: (a) to direct the student to the data of the story, and (b) to sustain and illustrate the argument of the author.

It should be remembered that many of the footnote references are illustrative of incidental and oft-times of remote topics, in the text. Bearing this in mind, the student, it is believed, will easily overcome any tendency to confusion in following the subject through the references, in this analysis.

The second essential is that both leader and class get the author's view-point. The members should be attentive while the class leader is reviewing the subject; and, also, concerted attention should be observed when a member is giving an exercise.

Each member should be eager to take any part assigned him, not so much for the fact that probably he may be better informed than others, on some particular question, but that he may seize the opportunity to put his thoughts to speech. Cooperation will produce interest and enthusiasm.

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The following suggestions may be found helpful:

Over-haste in treatment should be avoided as it may lead to the omission of important matter. The leader should always have some reserve questions.

Stay with the subject. It will be found that each chapter contains a definite theme, with subordinate topics clustering around it. Questions which have no bearing on the lesson should be discouraged.

Personal arguments between members, during the recitation, should not be permitted, but pertinent questions should be discussed, in proper order.

Timid and backward members should be given full opportunity to take part. Emphasize facts rather than theories.

The questions and topics for discussion, given in these outlines, are merely suggestive, and the class leaders, if they think advisable, may select other topics from the text for discussion.

The bearing of testimony on some topic of the lesson is a good way to relate the subject to actual life: in other words, endeavor to vitalize the printed page. The oftener an abstract idea can be reduced to concrete form, the better it will be understood. Furthermore, bearing testimony of analogous incidents enhances the value of the incident that happened hundreds of years ago. For example, if the incident under consideration be the casting out of an evil spirit by the Savior, any personal testimony concerning a similar manifestation of the power of the priesthood, in this day, greatly increases the interest of the lesson.

These outlines are so arranged that they may be used for a class program, the names of those to whom the various topics are assigned may be written by the teacher or the members, in the blanks provided for that purpose.

Outlines for the Study of the Book "JESUS THE CHRIST."

LESSON ONE.

The Introduction.

Pages 1-5.

1. Historicity of Jesus the Christ.

Give meaning of the term. What advantages have Latter-day Saints over the world as to the facts? (a) Book of Mormon Testimony; (b) Doctrine & Covenants Testimony; (c) Pearl of Great Price Testimony; (d) Testimony of Modern Witnesses.

Discussed by

2. Scope and Purpose of the Treatise.

Wherein does this book purport to be superior to other treatises on the "Life of Christ" that you have read? What general advantage to men would accrue from the study of this treatise?

Discussed by

3. Bearing of testimony on any topic suggested by this lesson.

Discussed by

4. References:

^c The Holy Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price constitute the standard works of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These will be cited alike as Scriptures in the following pages, for such they are.

LESSON TWO.

Preexistence and Foreordination of the Christ.

Pages 6-16.

1. Ante-mortal existence of spirits.—Primeval council in heaven. —Rebellion of Lucifer.—His defeat and expulsion.

In what way does the doctrine of pre-existence clear up the problems and purposes of mortal life?

Discussed by

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2. Free agency of man insured.

Show the perils of free agency: (a) Man's refusal to open his heart to the Spirit of God; (b) Refusing to co-operate with God, as for example, in the payment of tithing, and attending to the other Church duties; (c) Show the blessings of free agency.

Discussed by

3. The Beloved Son chosen to be the Savior and Redeemer of mankind.

Read and explain Elder O. F. Whitney's "Elias," canto III, "Elect of Elohim."

5. References:

(The small letters in italics refer to letters in the text of the book, "Jesus the Christ," in this lesson and in all the following lessons).

- a* Rev. 12:7.
- b* Rev. 12:4; see also Doc. and Cov. 29:36-38; and 76:25-27.
- c* Jude 6.
- d* P. of G. P., Abraham 3:26
- e* Rev. 12:9.
- f* Isa. 14:12-15; compare Doc. and Cov. 29:36-38; and 76:23-27.
- g* P. of G. P., Moses 4:1-4; see also Abraham 3:27-28.
- h* Job 38:7.
- i* Psalm 25:14; Amos 3:7.
- m* John 1:1-3, 14; see also 1 John 1:1; 5:7; Rev. 19:13; compare Doc. and Cov. 93:1-17, 21.
- n* P. of G. P., Moses 1:32, 33; see also 2:5.
- o* 1 John 1:1-3; 2:13, 14; 4:9; Rev. 3:14.
- p* 2 Tim. 1:9, 10; Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:4; 3:9, 11; Titus 1:2. See especially Rom. 3:25; and note the marginal rendering—"foreordained"—making the passage read: "Whom God hath foreordained to be a propitiation."
- q* 1 Peter 1:19, 20.
- r* John 6:38, 51, 57, 61, 62.
- s* John 8:58; see also 17:5, 24; and compare Exo. 3:14.
- t* John 16:27, 28; see also 13:3.
- u* John 17:3-5; see also verses 24, 25.
- w* B. of M. Ether 3:11-16.
- x* Doc. and Cov. 93:1-17, 21.
- y* Doc. and Cov. 76:13, 14.

LESSON THREE.

The Need of a Redeemer.

Pages 17-31.

1. Spirits of diverse capacities.—Entrance of sin into the world foreseen.—God's foreknowledge not a determining cause.—Creation of man in the flesh.

What do you understand by sin? What do you understand by Adam's sin?

Discussed by

2. Fall of man.

Foreseen of God; show that the curse which followed Adam's disobedience has proved a blessing to mankind.

Discussed by

3. Atonement necessary.—Jesus Christ the only Being eligible as Redeemer and Savior.—Universal resurrection provided.

Explain the meaning of "vicarious sacrifice." Why was Jesus the only Being suited to become such a sacrifice? Explain the meaning of atonement.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* P. of G. P., Abraham 3:25.
b P. of G. P., Moses 1:39; compare 6:59.
d Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7; compare P. of G. P., Moses 2:26, 27; 3:7; Abraham 4:26-28; 5:7.
e Gen. 1:28-31; 2:16, 17; compare P. of G. P., Moses 2:28, 31; 3:16, 17; Abraham 4:28-31; 5:12, 13.
f Gen. 2:8; compare statement in verse 5—that prior to that time there was "not a man to till the ground"; see also P. of G. P., Moses 3:7; Abraham 1:3; and B. of M., 1 Nephi 5:11.
g Gen. chap. 3; compare P. of G. P., Moses chap. 4.
h 1 Tim. 2:14; see also 2 Cor. 11:3.
n Rom. 5:12, 18.
o 1 Cor. 15:21, 22.
p Lev. 22:20; Deut. 15:21; 17:1; Mal. 1:8, 14; compare Heb. 9:14; 1 Peter 1:19.
q John 10:17-18.
r John 5:26.
s John 6:38.
t John 4:34.
u John 5:30; see also verse 19; also Matt. 26:42; compare Doc. and Cov. 19:2; 20:24.
w 1 Cor. 15:20; see also Acts 26:23.
x Matt. 27:52, 53.
y John 5:25, 28, 29. A modern scripture attesting the same truth, reads: "They who have done good in the resurrection of the just; and they who have done evil in the resurrection of the unjust."—Doc. and Cov. 76:17.
z For instance see Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:12, 13.
a For instance see B. of M., 2 Nephi 9:6, 12, 13, 21, 22; Helaman 14:15-17; Mosiah 15:20-24; Alma 40:2-16; Mormon 9:13, 14.
b For instance see Doc. and Cov. 18:11, 12; 45:44, 45; 88:95-98.
c Doc. and Cov. 45:54.
d B. of M., 2 Nephi 9:6-13; read the entire chapter.
e P. of G. P., Moses 6:52; compare B. of M., 2 Nephi 25:20; Mosiah 3:17; 5:8; Doc. and Cov. 76:1.
f Rom. 3:23; see also verse 9; Gal. 3:22.
g 1 John 1:8.
h Heb. 5:9.
i Rom. 2:6-9.
j P. of G. P., Moses 1:39.

LESSON FOUR.

The Antemortal Godship of Christ.

Pages 32-41.

1. The Godhead.

Give a summary of the text. Quote what the Doctrine & Covenants has to say on the subject. Show that the title "God" can be applied to any one of the Holy Trinity. Explain why it is consistent to call the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost one God. Compare 2 Nephi 31:21.

Discussed by

2. Jesus Christ the Word of Power.—Jesus Christ the Creator.—Jehovah.—The Eternal I Am.

Explain each of these terms as here used.

Discussed by

3. Proclamations of Jesus Christ by the Father.

Give instances in other dispensations when the Father has introduced and proclaimed the Son.

Discussed by

4. Bearing testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- b* Gen. 1:26; and 3:22.
- c* P. of G. P., Moses 2:26; and 4:28.
- d* P. of G. P., Abraham, chaps. 4 and 5.
- e* John 1:1; and P. of G. P., Moses 1:32.
- f* Heb. 1:1, 2; see also 1 Cor. 8:6.
- g* Colos. 1:16, 17.
- h* John 1:1-3.
- i* B. of M., Helaman 14:12; see also Mosiah 3:8; 4:2; Alma 11:39.
- j* B. of M., 3 Nephi 9:15.
- k* B. of M., 3 Nephi 15:4, 5.
- l* Doc. and Cov. 45:1.
- m* Doc. and Cov. 14:9; see also 29:1, 31; 76:24.
- n* Exo. 20:7; Lev. 19:12; Deut. 5:11.
- p* Matt. 1:21; see also verses 23, 25; Luke 1:31.
- q* John 1:41; 4:25.
- r* Luke 1:31; 2:21; Matt. 1:21, 25; see also verse 23 and compare Isa. 7:14; Luke 2:11. See further P. of G. P., Moses 6:51, 57; 7:20; 8:24; B. of M., 1 Nephi 10:4; 2 Nephi 10:3; Mosiah 3:8.
- s* The name appears thus in Gen. 2:5; see also Exo. 6:2-4; and read for comparison Gen. 17:1; 35:11.
- t* Exo. 3:13, 14; compare with respect to the fact of eternal duration expressed in this name, Isa. 44:6; John 8:58; Colos. 1:17; Heb. 13:8; Rev. 1:4; see also P. of G. P., Moses 1:3 and the references there given.
- u* Exo. 6:2, 3.
- v* Rev. 1:11, 17; 2:8; 22:13; compare Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12.
- w* John 8:58.

- x* Lev. 24:16.
y Isa. 6:8-11; and compare John 12:40, 41.
z Zech. 12:10; compare John 19:37.
a B. of M., 3 Nephi 11:13, 14; also 1 Nephi 17:40; and observe from verse 30 that the Redeemer is here spoken of as the God who delivered Israel. See further Mosiah 7:19.
c P. of G. P., Moses 1:6, 31-33; 2:1; 4:2, 3; 6:57; compare 7:35, 39, 47, 53-59; 8:16, 19, 23, 24; Abraham 3:22-28.
d Matt. 3:17; also Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22.
e Matt. 17:5; Luke 9:35.
f John 12:28.
g B. of M., 3 Nephi 11:7.
h P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:17.

LESSON FIVE.

Earthly Advent of the Christ Predicted.

Pages 42-56.

1. **Biblical prophecies.—Revelation to Enoch.—The Prophet predicted by Moses.**

What is prophecy? How does the world generally receive God's prophets and their prophecies?

Discussed by

2. **Sacrifices as prototypes.**

Expound the meaning of the ordinance of sacrifice, which was instituted in Adam's day, and which forcibly impressed upon men the coming of the Christ. Emphasize its importance.

Discussed by

3. **Book of Mormon predictions.**

Compare Book of Mormon prophecies as to fulness and completeness, with the Old Testament on the subject, and conclude by pointing out the value of continued revelation.

Discussed by

4. **Bearing testimony on any topic suggested by this lesson.**

By

5. **References:**

- a* Deut. 31:9, 24-26; compare 17:18-20.
c Gen. 3:15; compare Heb. 2:14; Rev. 12:9; 20:3.
d P. of G. P., Moses 5:6-9.
e P. of G. P., Moses 6:52; study paragraphs 50-56; see also Gen. 5:18, 21-24; Jude 14.
f Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; compare Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:8.
g Gen. 49:10.
h Deut. 18:15-19; compare John 1:45; Acts 3:22; 7:37; see also a specific confirmation by our Lord after His resurrection, 3 Nephi 20:23.

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j 1 Cor. 5:7. For reference to Christ as the Lamb of God, see John 1:29, 36; 1 Peter 1:19; Rev. chaps. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22; also B. of M., 1 Nephi 10:10, and chaps. 11, 12, 13, 14; 2 Nephi 31:4, 5, 6; 33:14; Alma 7:14; Mormon 9:2, 3; Doc. and Cov. 58:11; 132:19.

k Job 19:25; see also verses 26-27.

l Instances: Psalm 2:7; compare Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5; 5:5; Psa. 16:10; compare Acts 13:34-37; Psa. 22:18; compare Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:24; Psa. 41:9; compare John 13:18; Psa. 69:9 and 21; compare Matt. 27:34, 48; Mark 15:23; John 19:29; and John 2:17; Psa. 110:1 and 4; compare Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44; and Heb. 5:6; Psa. 118:22, 23; compare Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Peter 2:4, 7. The following are known specifically as Messianic Psalms: 2, 21, 22, 45, 67, 69, 89, 96, 110, 132; in them the psalmist extols in poetic measure the excellencies of the Messiah, and the certainty of His coming.

m Isa. 7:14; compare Matt. 1:21-23.

n Isa. 9:6, 7.

o Luke 1:26-33.

p Isa. 11:1 and 10; compare Rom. 15:12; Rev. 5:5; 22:16; see also Jer. 23:5, 6.

q Isa. 28:16; compare Psa. 118:22; Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11; Rom. 9:33; 10:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6-8.

r Isa. 40:9-11; compare John 10:11, 14; Heb. 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25; 5:4; see also Ezek. 34:23.

s Isa. 42:1; see also 9:2; 49:6; 60:3; compare Matt. 4:14-16; Luke 2:32; Acts 13:47; 26:18; Eph. 5:8, 14.

t Isa. 55:4; compare John 18:37.

u Isa. 40:3; compare Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23.

v Isa. 53; study the entire chapter; compare Acts 8:32-35.

w Jer. 23:5, 6; see also 33:14-16.

x Jer. 30:9.

y Ezek. 34:23; 37:24, 25.

z Hos. 11:11; compare Matt. 2:15.

a Mic. 5:2; compare Matt. 2:6; John 7:42.

b Zech. 9:9; compare Matt. 21:4-9.

c Zech. 12:10; compare Jo. 19:37.

d Zech. 13:6.

e Zech. 11:12, 13; compare Matt. 26:15; 27:3-10.

f Luke 24:44, 46; see also verses 25-27.

g Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:15, 26, 27, 29-36; see also Acts 1:5, 8; 11:16; 19:4.

h B. of M., 1 Nephi 10:4-11.

i B. of M., 1 Nephi chapters 11 and 12; see also 19:10.

j B. of M., 2 Nephi 9:5, 6; 10:3. See also Nephi's prophecy 25:12-14; and chap. 26.

k B. of M., Mosiah 13:33-35; 15:1-13.

l B. of M., Alma 39:15; 40:1-3.

m B. of M., Alma 11:31-44.

n B. of M., Helaman 14:1-6; compare 3 Nephi 1:4-21.

o Rev. 19:10.

LESSON SIX.

The Meridian of Time.

Pages 57-74.

1. Significance of the designation.

In what period of time, or dispensation as reckoned in the purposes of God, are we now living? Compare the condition of the world now with its condition existing at the time of Christ's advent.

Discussed by

2. Epitome of Israel's History.

Jews in vassalage to Rome.

Discussed by

3. Scribes and Rabbis.—Pharisees and Sadducees.—Other sects and parties.

Into what two grand divisions may all the sects of Christendom be divided? Why the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints may not properly be called a "sect." State some of the main causes that lead to the division into sects of the ancient Church.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on one of the topics of the lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* Exo. 33:11; see also Numb. 12:8; Deut. 34:10; compare P. of G. P., Moses 1:2, 11, 31.
- b* P. of G. P., Moses 5:57; for later mention of the "meridian of time," see 6:56-62; and 7:46; and compare Doc. and Cov. 20:26; 39:3.
- d* B. of M., 3 Nephi 2:8; compare 4 Nephi 1:1, 21; Mormon 8:6; Moroni 10:1.
- e* Gen. 32:28; 35:10.
- f* Exo. 1:1, 7; 9:6, 7; 12:3, etc.
- g* Exo. 12:35, 40; 13:19; 15:1; Numb. 20:1, 19, 24, etc.
- h* See mention throughout the books of Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and references therein.
- i* Isa. 11:13; 17:3; Ezek. 37:16-22; Hos. 4:17.
- j* Jer. 25:11, 12; see also 29:10.
- k* Ezra 1:1-4; the author's *House of the Lord*, pp. 47-53.
- l* Ezra 2:64-67.
- n* Josephus, Ant. 12:6 and 7; 2 Maccabees 2:19; 10:1-8; also John 10:22.
- o* Luke 2:1.
- p* Matt. 2:1.
- r* Deut. 7:6; see also 10:15; Exo. 19:5, 6; Psalms 135:4; Isa. 41:8; 45:4; compare 1 Peter 2:9.
- s* 2 Kings 17:24.
- t* John 4:9; Luke 9:51-53.
- w* Josephus, Ant. xx, 11:2.
- x* Note the emphasis given to this distinction in John 7:45-49; see also 9:34.
- z* Ezra 7:11; see also verses 6, 10, 12.
- a* Matt. 23:8-10; see also John 1:38; 3:2.
- b* Matt. 23:13, 14, 15, 23, etc., read the entire chapter; compare Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:46; see also as instances of special denunciation of the Pharisees Luke 11:37-44. Note also that the lawyers, who were professionally associated with the scribes, are included in the sweeping criticism; verses 45-54.
- c* 1 Maccabees 2:42; 7:13-17; 2 Maccabees 14:6.
- e* Acts 26:5; see also 23:6; Philip. 3:5.
- f* Exo. 21:23-35; Lev. 24: 20; Deut. 19:21; contrast Matt. 5:38-44.
- k* Numb. 6:2-21; Judges 13:5, 7; 16:17; Amos 2:11, 12.
- l* Matt. 22:15, 16; Mark 12:13.
- m* Luke 13:1, 2; see also John 4:45; Mark 14:70; Acts 2:7.
- n* 1 Chron. 24:1-18.

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LESSON SEVEN.

Gabriel's Annunciation of John and of Jesus.

Pages 75-90.

1. **Angelic visitation to Zacharias.—Birth of John the forerunner.**

What was the particular mission of John the Baptist? (See Doc. & Cov., Sec. 133:55.)

Discussed by

2. **Annunciation to Mary the Virgin.—Mary and Joseph.**

Discussed by

3. **Genealogies of Joseph and Mary.—Jesus heir to the throne of David.**

In what way did Christ trace a natural lineage from David? (See Luke 3.) In what way was Jesus Christ heir to the throne of David? Also treat the value of genealogies.

Discussed by

4. **Bearing of testimony on one of the topics of this lesson.**

By

5. **References:**

- a* Luke 1:19, 26; see also Dan. 8:16; 9:21-23.
- b* Luke 1:5; compare 1 Chron. 24:10.
- c* Ezra 2:36-39.
- d* Luke 1:8, 9; read the entire chapter.
- e* Lev. chap. 16; Heb. 9:1-7.
- f* Gen. 17:16, 17; and 21:1-3; Judges, chap. 13; 1 Sam. chap 1; 2 Kings 4:14-17.
- h* Luke 1:19, 20.
- i* Luke 1:57; compare verse 39.
- l* Luke 1:68-79.
- m* Luke 1:65, 66; see also 3:15.
- n* Luke 1:80.
- o* Luke 1:28.
- p* Luke 1:30-33.
- q* Luke 1:35; see also preceding verses, 31-33.
- r* Gen. 3:15.
- s* Luke 1:42, 43; read verses 39-56.
- t* Luke 1:46-55.
- v* Matt. 1:20, 21; read 18-25.
- w* Matt. 1:22-23; compare Isa. 7:14; see also 9:6.
- x* Matt. 1:24, 25.
- y* 2 Peter 1:20.
- z* Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; compare Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:8.
- b* For instances see Matt. 9:27; 15:22; 21:9; 20:30, 31, with which compare Luke 18:38, 39.
- c* Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8; see also Acts 2:30; 13:23; compare Ps. 132:11; see also Luke 1:32.
- d* Matt. 1:23.

LESSON EIGHT.

The Babe of Bethlehem.

Pages 91-109.

1. **Birth of Jesus Christ.—His presentation in the temple.**
Locate Bethlehem. Why was it fitting that Christ should be born there?

Discussed by

2. **Visit of the magi.—Herod's evil designs.—The Child taken into Egypt.**
Bring out the facts quoted in the notes as to Herod, and the Wise Men.

Discussed by

3. **Birth of Christ made known to Nephites.—Time of the Birth.**

Discussed by

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By

5. References:

- a* Luke 2:1; see also verses 2-4.
- b* Note marginal reading, Oxford and Bagster Bibles.
- c* Luke 2:6, 7.
- f* Luke 2:8-14.
- g* Luke 2:15.
- h* Luke 2:19.
- i* Luke 4:22; Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3.
- j* Gen. 17:12, 13; Lev. 12:3; compare John 7:22.
- k* Luke 2:21; compare 1:31; Matt. 1:21, 25.
- l* Lev. chap. 12.
- m* Exo. 12:29; 13:2, 12; 22:29, 30.
- n* Numb. 8:15-18; 18:15, 16.
- o* Luke 2:25; see also verse 38; Mark 15:43; compare Psa. 40:1.
- p* Luke 2:29-32. These verses are known in Christian hymnology as the Nunc Dimittis; the name has reference to the first two words of the Latin version.
- r* Matt. 2:2; read 1:10.
- s* Matt. 2:5, 6; compare Micah 5:2; John 7:42.
- v* Numb. 24:17.
- w* B. of M., Helaman 14:5; 3 Nephi 1:21.
- x* Matt. 2:13.
- y* Matt. 2:16.
- z* Matt. 2:17, 18; compare Jer. 31:15.
- b* B. of M., Helaman 14:2; read 1-9.
- c* B. of M., 3 Nephi 1:9; read verses 4:21.
- d* B. of M., 3 Nephi 1:12-21.
- e* Marginal reading, Oxford and Bagster Bibles, Matt. 2:1.

- f* Doc. and Cov. 20:1; compare 21:3.
g B. of M., 1 Nephi 1:4; 2:2-4.
h B. of M., 1 Nephi 10:4.
i B. of M., 1 Nephi 19:8; 2 Nephi 25:19.
j B. of M., 3 Nephi 1:1.
k Doc. and Cov. 20:1; compare 21:3.

LESSON NINE.

The Boy of Nazareth.

Pages 110-120.

1. Jesus to be called a Nazarene.

What is the significance of the name? Describe the country around Nazareth, showing what factors helped to form His mind. What was probably His occupation?

Discussed by

2. At the Temple when twelve years of age.—Jesus and the doctors of the law.

Where did Jesus get his education concerning the law? Describe the Jewish method of education. What did the answer of the boy Jesus to his parents mean?

Discussed by

3. Jesus of Nazareth.

Locate and describe Nazareth. Why were humble conditions of birth and rearing better fitted to prepare Jesus for his mission than would have been the environment of a royal home?

Discussed by

4. Bearing Testimony on one of the topics of this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* Matt. 2:15; compare Hos. 11:1.
b Matt. 2:19-23.
c Luke 2:40.
d Compare His teachings after He had reached manhood. John 8:32.
e Deut. 16:1-6; compare Exo. 12:2.
f Luke 2:46; read 41-52.
g Compare Matt. 7:28, 29; 13:54; Mark 6:2; Luke 4:22.
h Luke 2:35.
i Luke 2:52.
j Matt. 13:55, 56; Mark 6:3; Luke 4:22; compare Matt. 12:46, 47; Gal. 1:19.
k Mark 15:43; Matt. 27:56; Matt. 10:4.
l Matt. 21:11; John 18:5; 19:19; Acts 2:22; 3:6; see also Luke 4:16.
m John 1:45, 46.

LESSON TEN.

In the Wilderness of Judea.

Pages 121-137.

1. John the Baptist.—The voice in the wilderness.—The baptism of Jesus.

Tell the story of "Locusts and Wild Honey" as set forth in the notes. What effect would such a life in the desert have upon the spiritual life of John?

Discussed by

2. Baptism of Jesus.—Descent of the Holy Ghost.—Sign of the dove.

Show that Christ's baptism conformed to the ordinance practised in the Church. Make it clear that all the Personages of the Godhead took part in this ordinance.

Discussed by

3. The Temptations of Christ.

Give the significance of each temptation. Show that they are all types of temptations that come to man. Point out how men fall under the first temptation; under the second; under the third. Point out that angels—our guardian angel—probably minister comfort to us, when we overcome the tempter.

Discussed by

4. Bearing testimony on one of the topics suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* 2 Kings 1:8.
- c* Matt. 3:1-5; compare Lev. 11:22; see also Mark 1:1-8.
- d* Luke 3:2.
- e* Exo. 3:1, 2.
- f* 1 Kings 17:2-7.
- g* Mark 1:3.
- h* Mark 1:2; compare Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1; Matt. 11:10; Luke 7:27.
- i* Matt. 3:11.
- j* Matt. 3:7-10; see also Luke 3:3-9.
- k* Compare a later instance, in which Christ similarly taught (John 8:33-59).
- l* Luke 3:10; compare Acts 2:37.
- m* Luke 3:10-15.
- n* Mark 1:1.
- o* John 10:41.
- p* John 1:35, 37; Matt. 11:2; Luke 7:18.
- r* Luke 3:17; see also Matt. 3:12; compare Mal. 3:2.
- s* Matt. 11:11-14; 17:12; Luke 7:24-30.

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- t* Luke 3:23.
- u* Matt. 3:13-15.
- w* Matt. 3:16, 17; compare Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22.
- x* John 14:26, and 15:26.
- y* Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13.
- z* Matt. 4:4; compare Deut. 8:3.
- c* Matt. 4:6; Psalm 91:11, 12.
- d* Matt. 4:5-7; compare Deut. 6:16.
- f* Matt. 4:10, 11; compare Exo. 20:3; Deut. 6:13; 10:20; Josh. 24:14; 1 Sam. 7:3.
- g* Luke 4:13.
- h* Luke 22:28.
- i* Luke 22:28.
- j* Heb. 4:14, 15.
- k* Heb. 5:8.

LESSON ELEVEN.

From Judea to Galilee.

Pages 138-152.

1. John the Baptist's testimony of Christ.—First disciples.

How do you explain the fact that these first disciples were attracted to Christ? In what respect, if any, is your testimony that Jesus is the Christ different from the testimony of these men?

Discussed by

2. "The Son of Man."

Page 142 to be read to the class by.....

3. Miracle of transmuting water into wine.—Miracles in general.

Give your idea of the purpose of miracles; show that miracles are wrought in accordance with natural laws, though perhaps not understood by man.

Discussed by

4. References:

- a* Luke 3:4.
- b* John 1:21; compare Mal. 4:5.
- c* Deut. 18:15, 18.
- d* John 1:22, 23; compare Isa. 40:3.
- e* John 1:25-27.
- f* John 1:29-31.
- g* John 1:32, 34; also verses 35, 36.
- i* John 1:35-51.
- k* The name thus given was afterward confirmed, with accompaniments of promise; Matt. 16:18.
- l* John 15:16; see also 6:70.
- m* 1 Kings 4:25; Micah 4:4.
- n* Acts 7:56; Rev. 1:13; 14:14.
- o* Job 25:6; Psalms 144:3; 146:3; see also 8:4 and compare Heb. 2:6-9.
- p* Ezek. 2:1, 3, 6, 8; 3:1, 3, 4; 4:1; etc.
- q* Dan. 7:13.
- r* Doc. and Cov. 27:11; 78:15, 16; 107:54-57; 116.
- s* Doc. and Cov. 49:6; 58:65; 65:5; 122:8.

- v* P. of G. P., Moses 6:57; 7:35; see also 7:24, 47, 54, 56, 59, 65; Mos. 1:12.
w John 2:1-11.
x John 19:26.
y Matt. 15:28; Luke 13:12; John 4:21; 8:10; etc.
z John 2:11.
a Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:34.
b Matt. 7:22; 11:20; 12:38; 16:1; 24:24; Mark 6:14; Luke 10:13; John 2:18; 7:21; 10:25; 14:11; Acts 6:8; 8:6; 14:3; 19:11; Rom. 15:19; Rev. 13:13; etc.
c John 10:41; Matt. 11:9.
d Exo. 3:20; 4:1-9; see the author's *Articles of Faith*, xii:7-11, 25, 27.

LESSON TWELVE.

Early Incidents in Our Lord's Public Ministry.

Pages 153-171.

1. First cleansing of the Temple.

Show wherein this action of the Savior at times justifies men in using force in maintaining righteousness.

Discussed by

2. Jesus and Nicodemus.

Show wherein the ordinances of baptism and the laying on of hands, as performed by the Latter-day Saints, symbolize a birth of the water and of the Spirit. Can a person see the beauties of the Kingdom of God without the Holy Ghost?

Discussed by

3. John Baptist's disciples in disputation.—John's tribute to, and repeated testimony of the Christ.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on one of the topics.

By

5. References:

- b* John 2:12; compare Matt. 4:13; 9:1.
c Matt. 11:23; Luke 10:15.
f Luke 2:46-49.
h Exo. 30:11-16.
i John 2:14-17.
j Compare Psalm 69:9.
l Matt. 12:38, 39; compare 16:1; Mark 8:11; John 6:30; 1 Cor. 1:22.
m John 2:19; read verses 18-22.
o Mark 14:58.
p Mark 15:29, 30.
q John 10:38; 17:21.

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r John 2:19-22; compare 1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; see further Col. 2:9; Heb. 8:2.
s Matt. 27:63.
u John 2:23-25.
a John 3:1-21.
w John 3:2; read verses 1-21.
x Numb. 21:7-9.
y John 3:22; compare 4:2.
a Matt. 4:17; compare Mark 1:15.
c John 3:25-36.
e John 3:27-36.
f Matt. 11:11.
g Luke 3:2, 3.
h Matt. 14:3-12.
i Matt. 4:12.

LESSON THIRTEEN.

Honored by Strangers, Rejected by His Own.

Pages 172-187.

1. Jesus and the Samaritan woman.—Among the Samaritans.

What lesson did Jesus teach in deigning to talk with a sinful woman? Explain what Jesus meant by the expression, "God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Show that it is true that a man does not thirst again when he has partaken of the water spoken of by Christ.

Discussed by

2. While at Cana Christ heals a nobleman's son in Capernaum.

Show how this incident illustrates that time and space do not interfere with the operations of faith.

Discussed by

3. At Nazareth Christ preaches in the synagog.—Nazarenes attempt to kill him.

Can you show that Christ at this time was reading his own words as given by him to Isaiah in former days? "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house;" why has this saying become so common?

Discussed by

4. Demons subdued in Capernaum.—Demonic possession.

What have we learned in former lessons which would lead to the belief that demons could know Jesus as the Son of God?

Discussed by

5. References:

- b* John 8:48.
c John 4:4; for incidents following see verses 5:43.
e Gen. 33:19; and Josh. 24:32.
f Acts 8:5; 9:31; 15:3.
g John 4:44; compare Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; Luke 4:24.
h John 4:48; read verses 46-54.
i John 2:23, 24.
k Luke 4:14, 15; read verses 16-32.
m Luke 4:18, 19; compare Isa. 61:1, 2.
n Luke 4:22; compare Matt. 13:55-57; Mark 6:3; John 6:42.
p Luke 4:32; compare Matt. 7:28, 29; 13:54; Mark 1:22.
q Luke 4:33-37; and Mark 1:23-28.
s Luke 4:41; compare Mark 1:34; 3:11, 12; 5:1-18; Matt. 8:28-34.
u Matt. 10:8; see verse 1; compare 4:24; Mark 1:32; 16:17, 18; Luke 9:1.
v Matt. 8:32; Mark 1:25; Luke 4:35.
w Mark 9:25.
x Luke 10:17, 18; compare Rev. 12:7-9.
y Matt. 8:29-33; Mark 5:11-14; Luke 8:32-34.
z Matt. 8:14, 15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38, 39.

LESSON FOURTEEN.

Continuation of Our Lord's Ministry in Galilee.

Pages 188-202.

1. A leper healed.—Leprosy.—Palsied man healed and forgiven.—Imputation of blasphemy.

Emphasize the fact that these healings were in response to faith. What is the relation of suffering to sin? What was the prevailing notion in the time of Jesus in regard to sin and suffering?

Discussed by

2. Publicans and sinners.—Old cloth, old bottles, and the new.

Who were the Publicans? Why were they hated by the Jews? Compare the Roman method of collecting taxes with modern methods. What lessons are taught by the illustrations of new cloth on old garments, and new wine in old bottles?

Discussed by

3. Preliminary call of disciples.—Fishers of men.

Show that the calling of these disciples to be fishers of men was a call to the highest service. Recall other statements of Jesus showing the importance of saving souls.

Discussed by

4. Bearing testimony on a topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* Luke 4:42-44.
b Mark 1:38.
c Mark 1:40-45; Matt. 8:2-4; Luke 5:12-15.
d Lev. 14:2-10.
e Matt. 5:17.
f Mark 1:45.
g Acts 10:38.
h Mark 2:1-12; compare Matt. 9:2-8; Luke 5:17-24.
i Compare James 2:14-18.
j Luke 7:39-50.
k Matt. 9:2.
l John 5:14.
m John 9:1-3.
n Compare John 10:23, and 5:18; Matt. 26:65, 66.
o Matt. 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32.
p Mark 2:18-22; Matt. 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39.
q Mark 2:19, 20.
r Mark 2:21, 22.
s Luke 5:1-11; compare Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20.

LESSON FIFTEEN.

Lord of the Sabbath.

Pages 203-216.

1. The Sabbath distinctively sacred to Israel.

Quote the fourth commandment of the decalog. Ex. 20:8. What other instructions did the Lord give to ancient Israel in regard to the Sabbath? Follow references. What is the commandment to modern Israel? See Doc. & Cov. Sec. 59:9-19.

Discussed by

2. Cripple healed on Sabbath day.—Accusations by the Jews and the Lord's reply thereto.

Wherein did Jesus differ from the Jews in the observance of the Sabbath?

Discussed by

3. Disciples charged with Sabbath-breaking.—Man with a withered hand healed on Sabbath day.

What did Jesus mean by saying, "For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day"? Mention some works that would be justifiable on the Sabbath day.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* Gen. 2:3.
b Exo. 16:16-31.
c Exo. 20:8-11; 23:12; 31:13-15; 34:21; Lev. 19:3; 23:3; Deut. 5:12-14.
d Exo. 35:3; Numb. 15:32-36.
e Isa. 56:2; 58:13; Jer. 17:21-24.
f Neh. 8:9-12; 13:15-22.
g Ezek. 20:12-24.
h B. of M., Jarom 1:5; Mosiah 13:16-19; 18:23.
i Lev. 25:1-8; compare 26:34, 35.
j Lev. 25:10-55.
m John, chapter 5.
p John 7:21-24.
r Compare Doc. and Cov. 76:16, 17.
t Matt. 12:1-8; compare Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5.
u Deut. 23:24, 25.
w Hos. 6:6; compare Micah 6:6-9.
x Matt. 12:10-13; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-8.
z Luke 13:14-16; 14:3-6; John 9:14-16.

LESSON SIXTEEN.

The Chosen Twelve.

Pages 217-229.

1. Their call and ordination.

What constitutes a call to the ministry? What is comprehended in an ordination?

Discussed by

2. The Twelve considered individually.

Discussed by

3. Their characteristics in general.—Disciples and apostles.

What traits of character were common to all the original Twelve? Distinguish between the disciples and apostles. Give special attention to Note 2 at the close of chapter 16.

Discussed by

4. Bearing testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* Matt. 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16.
b Luke 6:12.
c Luke 3:13; compare John 15:16; see also Acts 1:22.
d John 1:42; compare Matt. 16:18.
e Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:10.
f John 1:44; 12:21.
g Matt. 8:14; Mark 1:29; Luke 4:38.

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- h* Acts 4:13.
i John 21:18, 19.
j 2 Peter 1:14.
k Doc. and Cov. 27:12.
l Mark 3:17.
m Luke 9:54. See also Mark 9:38, for instance of John's impulsive zeal.
n Mark 10:35-41; compare Matt. 20:20-24.
o Mark 5:37; Luke 8:51.
p Matt. 17:1, 2; Luke 9:28-29.
q Matt. 26:36, 37.
r Doc. and Cov. 27:12.
s Acts 12:1, 2.
t John 1:35-40.
u John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2.
v John 13:23, 25.
w John 19:25-27.
x John 21:7, 21-23.
y Doc. and Cov. Sec. 7; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 28:1-12.
z John 1:35-40.
a Matt. 4:18, 19.
b Mark 13:3.
c John 6:8.
d John 12:20-22.
e Acts 1:13.
f John 1:43-45.
g John 6:5-7.
h John 14:8, 9.
i John 1:45-51.
j John 21:2, 3.
k Matt. 10:3.
l John 11:16.
m John 14:1-7.
n John 20:24-29.
o Acts 12:17.
p Acts 15:13-22.
q Acts 21:18.
r 1 Cor. 15:7.
s Gal. 2:9, 12; Acts 12:2; compare 13:1, 2.
t Acts 1:13; compare Luke 6:15.
u John 6:71; 12:4; 13:26.
v John 12:6; 13:29.
x John 12:1-7; compare Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9.
y Matt. 27:5; compare Acts 1:18; see also John 17:12; Doc. and Cov. 76:31-48; 132:27.
z Matt. 19:27.
a Matt. 10:42; John 21:5; 13:16, compare verse 13; 15:14, 15.
b John 15:16.
d Doc. and Cov. 18:27-33; 20:38-44; 107:1-9, 23, 24, 39.
e Acts 1:15-26.
f Heb. 3:1.
g Mark 3:14, 15.

LESSON SEVENTEEN.

The Sermon on the Mount.

Pages 230-248.

1. **The Beatitudes.**—Dignity and responsibility in the ministry.
 Describe a person whom you consider to be "poor in spirit." Compare the physical condition of one who hungers for food and drink, with the spiritual condition of one who hungers and thirsts for righteousness. In what way have the Latter-day Saints proven themselves to be "the salt of the earth"?

Discussed by

2. The Mosaic lay superseded by the gospel of Christ.—Sincerity of purpose.

Explain what parts of the Mosaic Law were fulfilled in the coming of Christ, and what parts are still in force.

Discussed by

3. The Lord's Prayer.

Expand this topic by commenting briefly on the true meaning of prayer; the various kinds of prayer; as public, private, family, etc.

Discussed by

4. True wealth.—Promise and re-assurance.—Hearing and doing.

Discussed by

5. Bear testimony on the answer to prayer.

By

5. References:

- a* Matt. chaps. 5, 6, 7; Luke 6:20-49; B. of M., 3 Nephi, chaps. 12, 13, 14.
- c* Matt. 4:23-25; read these verses in connection with 5:1; see also Luke 6:17-19.
- e* Matt. 5:3-12; compare Luke 6:20-26; and B. of M., 3 Nephi 12:1-12.
- f* Matt. 5:11, 12; compare Luke 6:26; B. of M., 3 Nephi 12:11, 12.
- h* Doc. and Cov. 93:33.
- i* Matt. 5:13-20; compare Luke 14:34, 35; B. of M., 3 Nephi 12:13-20.
- j* Lev. 2:13; compare Ezra 6:9; Ezek. 43:24.
- k* Lev. 2:13; Numb. 18:19; compare 2 Chron. 13:5.
- m* Matt. 5:21-48; Luke 6:27-36; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 12:21-48.
- n* Exo. 21:23-25; Lev. 24:17-22; Deut. 19:21.
- o* Compare Lev. 19:18; Deut. 23:6; and Psalms 41:10.
- p* Compare the lesson taught in the Parable of the Tares, Matt. 13:24-30.
- s* Matt. 6:1-18; compare Luke 11:2-4; B. of M., 3 Nephi 13:1-18.
- t* Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4.
- v* Exo. 16:16-21.
- w* Matt. 18:23-25.
- x* Compare Matt. 7:6.
- y* P. of G. P., Abraham 3:25.
- z* Acts 17:28.
- a* Luke 18:10-14.
- b* Matt. 6:19-34; compare Luke 12:24-34; 16:13; 18:22; B. of M., 3 Nephi 13:19-34.
- c* Luke 11:34-36.
- d* Compare Gal. 1:10; 1 Tim. 6:17; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15.
- e* Matt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:37, 38, 41, 42; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 14:1-5.
- f* Matt. 7:6; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 14:6.
- g* Matt. 7:7-23; Luke 6:43, 44, 46; 11:9-13; 13:24-30; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 14:7-23.
- i* Matt. 7:24-29; Luke 6:46-49; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 14:24-27.

LESSON EIGHTEEN.

As One Having Authority.

Pages 249-280.

1. **Healing of centurion's servant.—Young man of Nain raised from the dead.**

These two incidents may be given in story form; let some member tell them in his own words.

By

2. **John Baptist's message to Jesus.—The Lord's commentary thereon.—Death of John Baptist.**

Be sure to make clear to the class the information imparted in Note 8, page 276. "John The Baptist the 'Elias' that was to come."

Discussed by

3. **Jesus in house of Simon the Pharisee.—Penitent woman forgiven.**

In the case of the woman, show in what way her faith was a saving principle.

Discussed by

4. **Christ's authority ascribed to Beelzebub.—The sin against the Holy Ghost.—Sign-seekers.**

Show why a person cannot make any true progress unless he is willing to be led by the Spirit of the Lord.

Discussed by

5. **Bearing of testimony on topic suggested by this lesson.**

By

6. **References:**

a Matt. 7:29; compare Luke 4:32; John 7:46.

b Luke 7:1-10; compare Matt. 8:5-13.

d John 4:46-53.

f Matt. 8:11, 12; see also Luke 13:28, 29; compare Acts 10:45.

g Luke 7:11-17.

i Matt. 8:17; compare Isa. 53:4.

j Luke 20:36, 38; compare Acts 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Rom. 14:9.

k Matt. 4:12; Mark 1:14; Luke 3:19, 20.

m Mark 6:17-20.

n Matt. 14:5.

o Matt. 11:2; Acts 24: 23.

p Luke 7:18; Matt. 11:2.

q Matt. 11:2-6; Luke 7:18-23.

r Isa. 35:5, 6.

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- s* Matt. 3:3; compare Isa. 40:3; Matt. 3:7; compare Isa. 59:5; Luke 3:6;
 compare Isa. 52:10.
t Matt. 13:57; 24:10; 26:31; Mark 6:3; 14:27; John 6:61.
u John 3:30.
v Note that Jesus compared the sufferings of John while in prison as in part
 comparable to those He would Himself have to endure, in that they did unto
 John "whatsoever they listed" (Matt. 17:12; Mark 9:13).
w Luke 7:24-30; see also Matt. 11:7-14; compare John 5:33-35.
x Luke 7:28.
y Matt. 11:12-15; compare 17:12; Luke 1:17.
a Matt. 3:7; Luke 7:30.
c Matt. 11:20-24; compare Luke 10:13-15.
d Matt. 11:25-27; compare Luke 10:21, 22.
e Matt. 11:28-30.
f Mark 6:21-29.
g Mark 6:14-16.
h Luke 7:36, see further, verses 37-50.
k 2 Sam. 12:1-7.
l Matt. 9:2-6; Mark 2:5-7.
m Matt. 26:6, 7; Mark 14:3; John 11:2.
n Luke 8:1-3.
p Matt. 27:55, 56, 61; 28:1, 5; Mark 15:40, 47; 16:1, 9; Luke 23:49, 55;
 24:10, 22; John 19:25; 20:1, 13, 18.
q Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2.
r Matt. 12:24-45; compare 9:33, 34; see also Mark 3:22-30; Luke 11:14-26.
s Matt. 9:34.
t Matt. 9:35.
u Matt. 12:14, 15.
v Matt. 12:17-20; compare Isa. 42:1.
w Matt. 12:22, 23.
x Matt. 12:38-45; compare 16:1; Mark 8:11; Luke 11:16, 29; John 2:18;
 1 Cor. 1:22.
y Doc. and Cov. 46:9; compare 63:7-12.
a Mark 8:12.
c Jonah chaps. 1-4.
d 1 Kings 10:1; 2 Chron. 9:1; compare Luke 11:31.
e Matt. 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26.
f Luke 11:27, 28.
g Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21.
h Luke 2:49.
i Matt. 10:37; compare Luke 14:26.

LESSON NINETEEN.

"He Spake Many Things Unto Them in Parables."

Pages 281-304.

1. The Sower.—Wheat and Tares.—Seed growing secretly.

What class of people do you consider represent the "tares" spoken of in the parable? What lesson does this teach?

Discussed by

2. Mustard Seed.—Leaven.—Hidden Treasure.—Pearl of Great Price.—Gospel Net.

Show how this gospel is acting as a leaven among the sects of Christendom. Give examples of men and women you know who made great sacrifice by embracing the gospel, thus verifying the parables of The Pearl, and The Treasure.

Discussed by

4. Bearing testimony on one of these topics.

By

5. References:

- a* Mark 3:10; compare Matt. 9:20, 21; 14:36; Mark 6:56; Luke 6:19.
b Mark 3:9.
c Luke 5:10.
e Matt. 13:3-9; compare Mark 4:3-9; Luke 8:5-8.
f Mark 4:13.
g Matt. 13:18-23; compare Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15.
j Matt. 13:24-30.
n Doc. and Cov. 86:4-7; read the entire section.
o Mark 4:26-29.
q 1 Cor. 3:6.
r John 4:35-38; see also Matt. 9:37, 38; Luke 10:2.
s Matt. 13:31, 32; compare Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18, 19.
t Matt. 17:20; compare Luke 17:6.
v Matt. 13:33; compare Luke 13:20, 21.
x Matt. 13:44.
y Compare Matt. 6:19, 20.
a Matt. 13:45, 46.
b 1 Tim. 6:20.
c Matt. 13:47-50.
d Matt. 4:19; Mark 1:17; Luke 5:10.
e John 5:29; see also B. of M., Alma 40:11-14.
g Matt. 13:51, 52.
i Matt. 13:10-17; compare Mark 4:10-13; Luke 8:9, 10.
j Matt. 13:12; compare 25:29; Mark 4:25; Luke 8:18; 19:26.
k Isa. 6:9; see also 42:20; 43:8; Ezek. 12:2; John 12:40; Acts 28:26, 27.
l B. of M., 2 Nephi 9:25-27; Rom. 2:12; Doc. and Cov. 45:54; 76:72.
m Matt. 13:9, 43; see also 11:15; Mark 4:9.
n Mark 4:24, 25.
o Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49.
r 2 Sam. 12:1-7, 13.
s Isa. 5:1-7.

LESSON TWENTY.

"Peace, Be Still."

Pages 305-326.

1. Candidates for discipleship.—Stilling the storm.—Quieting the demons in region of Gadara.

Show that under the circumstances of "stilling the storm" Jesus the Creator was Master of the elements. Relate incidents where the elders of the Church, through power of prayer, have witnessed the subsiding of the storm, and the breaking of the calm.

Discussed by

2. Raising the daughter of Jairus.—Restoration to life and resurrection.—A woman healed amidst the throng.—Blind see and the dumb speak.

Distinguish between restoration to life and resurrection.

Show by giving several illustrations that faith is a principle of power.

Discussed by

3. Bearing testimony on one of the topics of this chapter.

By

4. References:

- a Mark 4:35.
- d Luke 9:57-62; see also Matt. 8:19-22.
- e Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25.
- g Gen. 1:28; P. of G. P., Moses 2:26; 5:1.
- h Gen. 3:17-19.
- j Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-19; Luke 8:26-39.
- l Compare Rev. 20:3.
- o Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34, also verse 41.
- p Mark 3:7-11; compare Luke 6:17-19.
- q Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; Luke 8:41, 42, 49-56; Matt. 9:18, 19, 23-26.
- r John 11:45; compare 8:30; 10:42.
- v Mark 5:19, 20; Luke 8:39.
- x 1 Cor. 15:20, 23; see also Acts 26:23; Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5; and *Articles of Faith*, xxi:24-27.
- y 1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:31-37.
- z Mark 5:25-34; Matt. 9:20-22; Luke 8:43-48.
- b Mark 6:5, 6; compare Matt. 13:58.
- c Doc. and Cov. 46:19; compare Matt. 8:10; 9:28, 29; Acts 14:9.
- e Matt. 8:3; Luke 4:40; 13:13; John 9:6; compare Mark 6:5; 7:33; 8:23.
- f Matt. 9:27-35.
- g Matt. 15:22; 20:30, 31; Mark 10:47, 48; Luke 18:38, 39.
- i Matt. 20:30-34; John 9:6; Mark 8:23.
- j Mark 7:32-37.
- k Matt. 9:32, 33.

LESSON TWENTY-ONE.

The Apostolic Mission, and Events Related Thereto.

Pages 327-348.

1. Jesus again in Nazareth.—The Twelve charged and sent out.—Their return.

Show that the authoritative ministration of the Twelve who were sent out by the Master to preach the gospel was followed by the fruits of the Spirit. What is meant by the expressions "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," and "the kingdom is at hand?"

Discussed by

2. Five thousand people miraculously fed.—Miracle of walking upon the water.—People seek Christ for more loaves and fishes.—Christ the bread of life.

Cite other instances from the Bible wherein food has been miraculously provided. Give a modern parallel.

Discussed by

28 MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD AND PRIESTS.

3. Many disciples turn away.

What is apostasy? Read to the class the 85th section of the Doctrine and Covenants.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* Matt. 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6.
- b* Luke 4:28-30.
- c* Matt. 10:5-42; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6.
- f* Mark 3:14.
- g* Matt. 10:5-42; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6.
- i* Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15.
- k* Matt. 10:18-20; compare Mark 13:9; Luke 12:10-12.
- l* Mark 6:7.
- m* John 5.
- n* Matt. 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-34.
- p* Mark 6:12, 13; Luke 9:10; Luke 10:17.
- r* John 6:5-14; compare Matt. 14:15-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17.
- s* John 6:4; Matt. 14:19; Mark 6:39.
- u* Matt. 14:22-33; compare Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21.
- y* John 21:7.
- z* Mark 6:52.
- a* John 1:49.
- d* Mark 6:53-56; compare Matt. 14:34-36.
- e* John 6:22-27.
- g* John 6:32-59.
- h* John 4:13-15.
- i* Isa. 54:13; Jer. 31:34; Micah 4:2; compare Heb. 8:10; 10:16.
- l* Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19, 20.
- m* John 6:59-71.
- n* Luke 3:16, 17; Matt. 3:11, 12.
- o* Compare John 6:68, 69; Matt. 16:16.

LESSON TWENTY-TWO.

A Period of Darkening Opposition.

Pages 349-369.

1. Ceremonial washings.

Show that the motive behind the act must be considered when the act is to be judged as moral or immoral. Show that the mechanics of religion alone have no saving power, but may be a hindrance to spiritual growth. Was the act of corban as practised in Jesus' time an example of this latter type? (Mark 7:11-13; Ex. 20:12.)

Discussed by

2. **Pharisees rebuked.—Jesus in borders of Tyre and Sidon.—Daughter of Syro-Phoenician woman healed.—Miracles wrought in coasts of Decapolis.—Four thousand people miraculously fed.—More seekers after signs.**

Show that the miracles and the blessings of the gospel are the natural heritage of members of the Church, but that others may get blessings according to their faith. Quote words of Jesus to show that having had the privileges of the gospel will not avail us anything unless we accept the same in our hearts.

Discussed by

3. **Leaven of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians.**

Show that the beliefs and principles that one sincerely accepts will unconsciously transform one's life. Show that a man is no bigger than his ideals.

Discussed by

4. **Peter's great confession, "Thou art the Christ."**

Show that the ages that have past since Peter made his confession tend to confirm it; and that the present age especially confirms its truthfulness.

Discussed by

5. **Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.**

By

6. References:

- a John 6:4.
 b Mark 12:37.
 c Matt. 15:1-9; Mark 7:1-13.
 f Mark 7:6, 7; see also Matt. 15:7-9; Isa. 29:13; compare P. of G. P., Joseph Smith, 2:19.
 g Exo. 20:12; Deut. 5:16; Exo. 21:17; Lev. 20:9.
 i Matt. 15:10-20; compare Mark 7:14-23.
 j Matt. 11:6; Luke 7:23.
 k Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30.
 l Mark 3:8; Luke 6:17.
 n Matt. 10:5, 6.
 o Deut. 23:18; 1 Sam. 17:43; 24:14; 2 Sam. 3:8; 16:9; Job 30:1; Matt. 7:6; Philip. 3:2; Rev. 22:15.
 q Luke 18:1-8.
 r Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15.
 s Acts 3:25, 26; 13:46-48; Rom. 15:8.
 t Mark 7:31-37; compare Matt. 15:29-31.
 v Matt. 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9.
 w Matt. 15:29; 16:1-5; Mark 8:10-13.
 x John 2:18; 6:30; Matt. 12:38.
 y Matt. 4:6, 7; Luke 4:9-12.
 z Matt. 16:2-4; compare 12:38-41.
 a Matt. 16:6-12; Mark 8:14-21; compare Luke 12:1.
 c Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21.
 f Compare Matt. 7:24, 25.
 g John 6:46; compare verses 37, 39, 40.
 h See Isa. 22:22; Luke 11:52; Rev. 1:18; 3:7; compare Doc. and Cov. 6:28; 7:7; 27:5, 6, 9; 28:7; 42:69; 84:26; etc.

i Acts 1:15-26; 2:14-40; chap. 10. compare with 15:7.
 j Matt. 16:22, 23; Mark 8:32, 33.
 k Luke 4:8.

LESSON TWENTY-THREE.

The Transfiguration.

Pages 370-377.

1. **Visitation of Moses and Elijah.—The Father again proclaims the Son.—The apostles temporarily restrained from testifying concerning the transfiguration.**

Discuss what this wonderful experience was intended to do for the three apostles. Why were the apostles restrained from relating the experience?

Discussed by

2. **Elias and Elijah.**

Discuss the significance of the visit of Elias and Elijah. Compare this with the visit of these two prophets to Joseph Smith. See Doc. & Cov., 110:12-16.

Discussed by

3. **The Lesser and the Higher Priesthood.**

Explain briefly the meaning of priesthood. Discuss the function and relationship of the lesser and the higher priesthood.

Discussed by

4. **Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.**

By

5. **References:**

d Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36.
 f Mark 8:31.
 g Mark 9:10.
 h 2 Peter 1:16-18.
 i John 1:14.
 j Matt. 4:11; Mark 1:13.
 k Luke 22:43; compare John 12:27, 28.
 l 2 Kings 2:11.
 m Matt. 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13.
 n Luke 1:17.
 o Matt. 11:14.
 r Mal. 4:5, 6.
 t Doc. and Cov. 110:13-16.

LESSON TWENTY-FOUR.

From Sunshine to Shadow.

Pages 378-397.

1. Youthful demoniac healed.—Further prediction of Christ's death and resurrection.

Explain the fact that faith is the great principle of power. How was it that through death Christ expected to win the world? Show by scriptural references, and otherwise, that sacrifice is the law of growth.

Discussed by

2. The tribute money; supplied by a miracle.

Show that Jesus, as the founder of the kingdom of God, would naturally be free from the temple tax. In what way did Jesus show respect for human law?

Show what the higher life demands of us besides the avoidance of doing wrong.

Discussed by

3. Humility illustrated by a little child.—Parable of the Lost Sheep.—In Christ's name.—My brother and I.—Parable of the Unmerciful Servant.

What does humility mean to you? Show that humility is strength, while its opposite is weakness. Mention the qualities possessed by a little child that Jesus would desire to see in His apostles. (As teachableness.) How are the conditions of discipleship here set forth applicable to the life of today?

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic.

By

5. References:

a Compare 2 Peter 1:18.

b Luke 9:37.

c Matt. 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42.

e Compare Matt. 12:40-25.

f Mark 6:12, 13; compare verse 7; also 3:15; Matt. 10:1.

h Matt. 14:31; 16:8; Luke 8:25.

i Matt. 17:20; compare 21:21; Mark 11:23; Luke 17:6.

k Matt. 17:22, 23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:44, 45.

l Matt. 17:24-27.

n Exo. 30:13; 38:26.

p John 20:17.

q Matt. 18:1-11; Mark 9:33-37, 42; Luke 9:46-48.

r Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17.

s Compare Luke 22:32.

t 1 Cor. 14:20; compare 13:11; Matt. 11:25; Psa. 131:2.

- v* Mark 9:49, 50; compare Lev. 2:13; Ezek. 43:24.
w Mark 9:43-50; compare Matt. 18:8, 9.
x Matt. 18:12-14; compare Luke 15:3-7.
y Luke 15:1-7.
z Luke 9:48-50; Mark 9:37-41.
a Contrast the instance of the sons of Sceva, Acts 19:13-17.
b Compare Luke 9:52; 10:1.
c Matt. 12:30; Luke 11:23.
d Matt. 18:15-20; compare Luke 17:3, 4.
e Compare Doc. and Cov. 20:80; 42:88-93; 98:39-48.
f Matt. 18:18; compare 16:19, and John 20:23.
g They based this limitation on Amos 1:3 and Job 33:29.
h Compare Luke 17:3, 4.
i Matt. 18:23-35.
j Compare 2 Kings 4:1; Lev. 25:39.
k Matt. 7:1; see also verse 6.
m Matt. 6:12; compare Luke 11:4; B. of M., 3 Nephi 13:11.

LESSON TWENTY-FIVE.

Jesus Again in Jerusalem.

Pages 398-422.

- 1. Departure from Galilee.—At the feast of Tabernacles.—Another charge of Sabbath desecration.—Plans to arrest Jesus.—Nicodemus protests.—Living water for the spiritually thirsty.**

What evidence have we that even the disciples of Jesus did not comprehend his great mission? To what extent does the Christian world today comprehend it? Give an estimate of the character of Nicodemus.

Discussed by

- 2. Woman taken in adultery.—Christ the light of the world.—The truth shall make men free.—Christ's seniority over Abraham.**

Which receives the greater condemnation in the world, the man convicted of adultery, or the woman? What is the attitude of the Latter-day Saints on this question? How does the truth make men free?

Discussed by

- 3. Sight restored on the Sabbath day.—Physical and spiritual blindness.—Shepherd and sheep-herder.—Christ the Good Shepherd.—His inherent power over life and death.—Sheep of another fold.**

Having knowledge of the performance of a great miracle by Christ, why did the Pharisees not believe in him? Why did the man whose sight had been given him believe in the Christ? How may a testimony of the Christ be obtained?

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* John 7:1-10.
c John 7:5; compare Mark 3:21.
d Compare Christ's answer to His mother, John 2:4; see also 7:30; 8:20.
e John 7:11-53.
k This was regarded as a literal fulfilment of Isa. 12:3.
l John 7:37, 38; compare 4:10-15.
m John 7:39; compare 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7; Luke 24:49; Acts 2:4.
q John 8:1-11.
r Deut. 22:22-27.
s Matt. 5:21-48.
t Deut. 17:6, 7; also 13:9.
u Compare Rom. 2:1, 22; Matt. 7:1, 2; Luke 6:37; 2 Sam. 12:5-7.
v John 8:10, 11; compare 5:14. Consider Luke 7:36-50.
x John 8:12-20.
y John 8:12; compare 1:4, 5, 9; 3:19; 9:5; 12:35, 36, 46. See also Doc. and Cov. 6:21; 10:58, 70; 11:11; 14:9; 84:45, 46; 88:6-13.
a Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Numb. 35:30; Matt. 18:16.
b John 8:21-59.
c Compare P. of G. P., Moses 4:4; 5:24; B. of M., 2 Nephi 2:18; Doc. and Cov. 10:25; 93:25.
e Exo. 3:14; compare 6:3.
f Compare Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:4, 8; see also John 17:5, 24; Col. 1:17.
j Exo. 20:5; 34:7; Lev. 26:39; Numb. 14:18; 1 Kings 21:29; compare Ezek. chapter 18.
n John 10:1-21.
o Promise of a Shepherd to Israel, Isa. 40:11; 49:9, 10; Ezek. 34:23; 37:24; compare Jer. 3:15; 23:4; Heb. 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25; 5:4; Rev. 7:17; read studiously Psalm 23.
q Matt. 7:15; compare 24:4, 5, 11, 24; Mark 13:22; Rom. 16:17, 18; Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:8; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1; Acts 20:29.
s John 10:16; compare as to "one fold and one shepherd," Ezek. 37:22; Isa. 11:13; Jer. 3:18; 50:4.
t B. of M., 3 Nephi 15:21; read verses 12-24.
u 3 Nephi 16:1-5.

LESSON TWENTY-SIX.

Our Lord's Ministry in Perea and Judea.

Pages 423-448.

1. Jesus rejected in Samaria.—James and John reproved for revengeful desire.—The Seventy charged and sent.—Their return.—A lawyer's question.—Parable of Good Samaritan. What educational training is advantageous to a missionary sent to the nations of the earth? Who is your neighbor?

Discussed by

2. Martha and Mary.—Ask and receive.—Parable of Friend at Midnight.—Criticism on Pharisees and lawyers.

Compare the characters of Martha and Mary as they appear to you. What is characteristic of true prayer? What is Pharisaism?

Discussed by

3. Parable of Foolish Rich Man.—The unrepentant to perish.—
Parable of Barren Fig Tree.—A woman healed on the Sabbath.—Many or few to be saved?—Jesus warned of Herod's design.

When is a man justified in withdrawing from active participation in the affairs of life? What advantage has birth "under the covenant" on our salvation?

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* John 10:22.
c Luke 9:51.
d John 10:40; 11:54.
e Luke 9:51-56.
f John 4:4-42.
g Luke 9:54; compare 2 Kings 1:10, 12.
h Matt. 10:23.
i Luke 9:57-62.
j Luke 10:1-12.
k Compare Matt. 9:37, 38; see also John 4:35.
l Compare Matt. 10:13.
m Compare Matt. 10:14.
n Matt. 10:5-42; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-5.
o Matt. 10:5, 6; 15:24.
p Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15.
q Doc. and Cov. 107:25; 124:137-140.
r Luke 10:13-15; compare Matt. 11:20-24.
s Luke 10:17.
t Rev. 9:1; 12:8, 9.
u Luke 10:19; read verses 20-24.
v Compare Mark 16:18; Acts 28:5.
w Rev. 12:9; 20:2; compare Gen. 3:1-4, 14, 15.
x Compare Rev. 13:8; 20:12; 21:27.
y Compare Mark 12:13; see also Luke 11:53, 54.
z Luke 10:25-37.
a Compare Gen. 22:1.
b Compare Matt. 19:16; Mark 10:17; Luke 18:18.
c Luke 10:27; compare Deut. 6:5, and Lev. 19:18; see also Matt. 22:35-40.
d Luke 10:30-37.
e Matt. 18:21, 22; compare Luke 17:4.
f Deut. 22:4; compare Exo. 23:5.
g Luke 10:38-42.
h John 11:5.
i Compare John 12:2, 3.
j Luke 11:1-13.
l Luke 18:2-5; read verses 1 and 6-8.
m Luke 18:1; compare 21:36; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17.
a Luke 11:37-54.
n Luke 11:14-28.
o Luke 11:29-36.
p Matt. 23.
q Luke 12:1-12.
t Luke 12:14-21.
u Compare the fate of Nebuchadnezzar, etc., Dan. 4:24-33; Dan. 5.
v Eccles. 2:18, 19; compare succeeding verses; see also Psalms 39:6; 49:6-20; Job 27:16, 17.
w Luke 12:22-31; compare Matt. 6:25-34.

- r* Compare Matt. 6:20.
y Luke 12:35-48.
z Luke 12:49-57; compare Matt. 10:34-37.
a Luke 13:1-5.
c Compare John 9:2, 3.
d Job 4:7; 8:2-14, 20; 22:5.
e Luke 13:6-9.
f Luke 3:9.
g Luke 13:11-17.
h Colos. 4:14.
i Luke 13:19-21.
j Luke 13:23-30.
k Compare Matt. 7:13.
l Compare Matt. 7:23; 8:11, 12; 19:30; Mark 10:31.
m Luke 13:31-33.
o Acts 23:6; 26:5.
p Luke 13:34, 35; compare Matt. 23:37-39.

LESSON TWENTY-SEVEN.

Continuation of the Perean and Judean Ministry.

Pages 449-486.

- 1. In the house of the Chief Pharisees.—Parable of the Great Supper.—Counting the cost.**

Apply the Parable of the Great Supper to our day. Why do our missionaries sometimes request applicants for baptisms to wait a time before joining the Church.

Discussed by

- 2. Salvation even for publicans and sinners.—Parable of the Lost Sheep repeated.—Of the Lost Coin.—Of the Prodigal Son.—Of the Unrighteous Steward.—Of the Rich Man and Lazarus.—Of the Unprofitable Servants.**

What opportunities will be presented to the sinner in the "Intermediate State of the Soul?"

Discussed by

- 3. Ten lepers healed.—Parable of the Pharisee and Publican.—On marriage and divorce.—Jesus and the little ones.—The rich young ruler.—First may be last and last first.—Parable of the Laborers.**

What was the sin of the Pharisee who went up to the temple to pray? Show the danger of Latter-day Saints partaking of this spirit. Wherein should we be like little children? "What do I lack?" Who shall be first in the kingdom of heaven?

Discussed by

- 4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.**

By

5. References:

- a* Luke 14:1-24.
- b* Matt. 12:10.
- c* Exo. 23:5; Deut. 22:4; Luke 13:15.
- d* Compare Matt. 23:12; Luke 1:52; 18:14; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5.
- e* Compare Matt. 8:11; Rev. 19:9.
- f* Luke 14:16-24; Matt. 22:2-10.
- g* Luke 14:25-35.
- h* Matt. 8:19, 20; compare Luke 9:57, 58.
- i* Deut. 13:6-11; Matt. 10:37-39.
- j* Compare Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:50.
- k* Matt. 9:10-13; Mark 2:15-17; Luke 5:29-32.
- m* Matt. 18:12-14.
- o* Luke 15:11-32.
- p* Compare Doc. and Cov. 1:31; B. of M., Alma 45:16.
- q* Compare Matt. 18:14; P. of G. P., Moses 1:39
- r* Luke 16:1-8.
- t* Luke 16:9-13.
- v* Luke 16:41-31.
- x* Revised version, Luke 16:16.
- y* Compare Matt. 5:18.
- z* Luke 16:19-31.
- b* Compare B. of M., Alma 40:11-14.
- c* Rev. 14:13.
- d* Luke 17:1-10.
- e* Compare Matt. 17:20; 21:21; Mark 9:23; 11:23.
- f* Compare Job 23:3; 35:7.
- g* Luke 17:11-19; Luke 9:52-56.
- h* Compare Lev. 13:2; 14:2.
- i* Compare case of Naaman the Syrian, 2 Kings 5:14.
- j* Luke 18:9-14; 17:20-37; 18:1-7.
- k* Compare Luke 14:11.
- m* Matt. 19:3-12; see also Mark 10:2-12.
- o* Compare Gen. 1:27; 2:24; 5:2; Eph. 5:31.
- p* Deut. 24:1-4.
- q* Compare Matt. 5:32; Luke 16:18; see also 1 Cor. 7:10-13.
- s* Compare Heb. 13:4.
- t* Compare 1 Cor. 11:11.
- u* Mark 10:13-16; compare Matt. 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17.
- v* Compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 17:11-25.
- x* Matt. 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-30.
- y* Luke 10:25.
- z* P. of G. P., pages 292-4.
- b* Matt. 19:27-30; Mark 10:28-31; Luke 18:28-30.
- c* Matt. 20:1-16; Matt. 19:27-30, continued into chapter *20.
- d* Deut. 24:15.

LESSON TWENTY-EIGHT.

The Last Winter.

Pages 487-501.

1. At the Feast of Dedication.—Sheep know the Shepherd's voice.—The Lord's retirement in Perea.

What did Jesus mean when he said, "I and my Father are one?" Express, in your own language, Christ's metaphor, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life."

Discussed by

2. Lazarus raised from the dead.—Jewish hierarchy agitated over the miracle.

Distinguish between the reanimation of Lazarus, and the resurrections that followed Christ's resurrection. Why was it that not all who witnessed the miracle of the raising of Lazarus believed that Jesus was the true Messiah?

Discussed by

3. Prophecy by Caiaphas, the high priest.—Jesus in retirement at Ephraim.

Show that Jewish High Priests did not hold the Melchizedek Priesthood. See note 7 at the end of this chapter; see also Doc. & Cov. 84:23-29.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on any topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

a John 10:22-39.

b Zech. 7:1.

c Ezra 6:17, 18.

e John 8:58 and 10:11.

f Psa. 82, particularly verses 1 and 6.

h John 10:40-42.

n John 11:1-46.

o Compare Matt. 9:24; Mark 5:39; Luke 8:52; Job 14:12; 1 Tim. 4:14.

i John 6:12; Matt. 15:37.

u Matt. 9:23-25; Luke 7:11-17.

v John 9:3.

w John 12:9-11, 17.

x John 11:46-54.

y Luke 16:31.

s John 12:10.

b John 11:57.

c John 11:54.

d 2 Chron. 13:19; Josh. 15:9.

LESSON TWENTY-NINE.

On to Jerusalem.

Pages 502-523.

1. Jesus again foretells His death and resurrection.—Aspiring request of James and John.—Sight restored near Jericho.—Zaccheus the chief publican.

Show that Zaccheus was possessed of the true spirit of repentance, being willing to restore four fold to those against whom he had practised extortion. Is repentance complete without restitution, where restitution is possible?

Discussed by

2. Parable of the Pounds.

Enlarge upon the following points: That every man will be rewarded according to his works; that the idle and faithless will be reduced; that the parable was in part to correct the idea of Christ's immediate coming into his kingdom. What was the significance of the statement in the parable, "A certain nobleman went into a far country"?

Discussed by

3. The supper in the house of Simon the leper.—Mary's tribute in anointing Jesus.—Iscaiot's protest.

"Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word"—the method of teaching the young in olden times may here be explained. Give other examples.

Discussed by

4. Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.—Certain Greeks seek interview with Jesus.—The Voice from Heaven.

Give a brief account of the destruction of Jerusalem a few years after the crucifixion; then show why Jesus wept when he came near the city.

Discussed by

5. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

6. References:

- a Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34.
- b Matt. 16:21; Mark 8:31; Matt. 17:22, 23; Mark 9:31; Luke 9:44.
- c Matt. 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45.
- f Matt. 20:30-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43.
- g Matt. 8:28; compare Mark 5:1, Luke 8:27.
- h Compare Matt. 9:27; 15:22.
- i Luke 19:1-10.
- k Exo. 22:1-9.
- m Luke 19:11-27.
- o Compare Mark 13:34.
- q Matt. 25:14-30.
- r John 12:1-8; Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9.
- s Exo. 12:1-10.
- v Luke 10:40-42.
- x Luke 7:36-50.
- a Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19.
- c Compare Hab. 2:11.
- e Zech. 9:9.
- f John 12:20-26.
- i Compare 1 Cor. 15:36.
- j John 12:27-36.
- k Compare John 14:30; 16:11.
- l Isa. 9:7; Dan. 7:14, 27; Ezek. 37:25.
- m Compare John 1:9; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46.
- o Mark 11:11.

LESSON THIRTY.

Jesus Returns to the Temple Daily.

Pages 524-543.

1. **A leafy but fruitless fig tree cursed.—Second clearing of the temple.—Children shout Hosanna.**

What truth concerning the Judaism of His day did Christ desire to teach through the parable of the barren fig tree? How would this parable, and the reference to the power of faith, later encourage His disciples in the face of a thoroughly established Judaism?

Discussed by

2. **Christ's authority challenged by the rulers.**

Show the necessity of an active hostility to evil. Was incapacity revealed by the rulers through their question to Christ in regard to His authority?

Discussed by

3. **Parable of the Two Sons.—Of the Wicked Husbandmen.**

How do both these parables indicate to Christ's disciples the unfortunate position of the Jewish rulers, and their incapacity for discerning vital truth?

Discussed by

4. **The rejected Stone to be head of the corner.—Parable of the Royal Marriage Feast.—The wedding garment lacking.**

Because Christ generously invites all into His joys, no man can presume on His love and fail actively to appreciate it, without humiliation. Enlarge on the prophecy contained in the remarks of Jesus: "The Stone which the builders rejected," and, "the wedding garment."

Discussed by

5. **Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.**

By

6. **References:**

a Matt. 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-26.

d Matt. 21:1; Mark 11:1; Luke 19:29.

e Luke 13:6-9.

f Matt. 21:12, 13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45, 46.

g John 2:14-17.

h Matt. 21:16; compare Psalm 8:2; see also Matt. 11:25; 1 Cor. 1:27.

- i Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8.
 j John 2:18-21.
 k Matt. 21:28-32.
 m Luke 3:12; compare 7:29.
 n Matt. 3:7.
 o Matt. 21:33-41; compare Mark 12:1-9; Luke 20:9-16.
 q Compare Luke 11:47, 48; Matt. 23:29-33.
 r Matt. 21:42-44; see also Mark 12:10, 11; Luke 20:17, 18; compare Ps. 118:22; Isa. 28:16; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6, 7.
 s Compare Dan. 2:44, 45; Isa. 60:12.
 t Matt. 22:1-10.
 v Compare Matt. 25:10; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:32; Rev. 19:7; 21:2, 9.
 w Luke 14:16-24.
 x Matt. 22:14; compare 20:16.

LESSON THITY-ONE.

The Close of Our Lord's Public Ministry.

Pages 544-568.

1. **Pharisees and Herodians in conspiracy.—Caesar to have his due.—The image on the coin.**

What was the trap set to catch Jesus? How does this effort on the part of the rulers show their worldliness?

Discussed by

2. **Sadducees and the resurrection.—Levirate marriages.**

What was the belief of the Sadducees regarding the doctrine of the resurrection? What does the questioning of man's immortality imply in regard to the power and character one conceives God to have?

Discussed by

3. **The great commandment.—Jesus turns questioner.—Scathing denunciation of scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

In the question about the relationship of the Christ to the dead, what difficulties were presented to His Jewish opponents?

Discussed by

4. **Lamentation over Jerusalem.—The widow's mites.—Christ's final withdrawal from temple.—Destruction of temple predicted.**

Why did the failure of the Jews to appreciate Jesus and His gospel make certain their failure and misery?

Discussed by

5. **Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.**

By

6. References:

- a* Matt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:19-26.
c Mark 3:6; 8:15.
g Luke 23:2.
h Matt. 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-28.
j Deut. 25:5.
l Gen. 28:13; Exo. 3:6, 15.
m Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34.
a Deut. 6:4, 5.
p Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44.
q Psalm 110.
r Psalm 110:4; compare Heb. 5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21.
u Matt. 23; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47; compare Luke 11:39-52.
y Mark 12:37.
z John 7:49; compare 9:34.
d Matt. 5:33-37.
e Lev. 27:30; Numb. 18:21; Deut. 12:6; 14:22-28.
g Compare Luke 11:39, 40; Mark 7:4.
h Luke 11:44.
j Matt. 23:37-39; compare Luke 13:34, 35.
k Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4.
l 2 Cor. 8:12.
m John 12:42; compare 7:13; 9:22.
n John 12:43; compare 5:44.
o John 12:44-50.
p Matt. 24:1, 2; Mark 13:1, 2; Luke 21:5, 6.

LESSON THIRTY-TWO.

Further Instruction to the Apostles.

Pages 569-590.

1. Prophecies relating to destruction of Jerusalem and the Lord's future advent.—Watch!—Parable of Ten Virgins.

Why did the worldly attitude of the Jews make their failure and the destruction of Jerusalem inevitable?

Discussed by

2. Of the entrusted Talents.

Show that various capacities exist in men for service toward God and their fellow men; show also that some have the power to help the few; others have the power to discover and satisfy the needs of many.

Discussed by

3. The inevitable judgment.—Another and specific prediction of the Lord's impending death.

How do these references by Christ to His death, while He is still free, show His power to voluntarily lay down His life? What does this power imply in regard to His love for His Father and for men?

Discussed by

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4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

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5. References:

- a Matt. 24:3-51; Mark 13:3-37; Luke 21:5-36. Compare P. of G. P., Joseph Smith, 1.
- b Mark 13:11; compare Matt. 10:19, 20; Luke 12:11, 12; 21:14, 15.
- c Luke 21:19; compare Doc. and Cov. 101:38.
- d Dan. 9:27.
- e Matt. 24:27; compare Luke 17:22-24.
- f P. of G. P., Joseph Smith, 1:27; Matt. 24:28; compare Luke 17:37.
- g Matt. 24:35; compare 5:18; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33; compare 16:17; see also Heb. 1:10, 11; 2 Peter 3:7, 10; Rev. 21:1.
- h Matt. 24:36.
- i Matt. 24:45-51; Mark 13:34-37; Luke 21:34-36; compare 12:35-48.
- j Matt. 25:1-13.
- k Compare Rev. 21:2, 9; 22:17; see also Matt. 9:15; John 3:29.
- l Matt. 13:5, 6, 20, 21.
- m Compare John 10:14.
- n Doc. and Cov. 45:56-59; see also 63:53, 54.
- o Matt. 25:14-30.
- p Luke 19:12-27.
- q 1 Cor. 12:4; study the entire chapter.
- r Luke 12:48.
- s Luke 19:22; compare Matt. 12:37.
- t Matt. 25:31-46.
- u Matt. 13:24-30.
- v Matt. 25:14.
- w Matt. 26:2.

LESSON THIRTY-THREE.

The Last Supper and the Betrayal.

Pages 591-620.

1. Judas Iscariot in conspiracy with the Jews.—Preparations for the Lord's last Passover.—The last supper of Jesus with the Twelve.—The traitor designated.

The washing of feet is an ordinance of the priesthood; by this instance of washing of the apostles' feet, Jesus also taught humility and love. Show that the ministering to others is the fullest life which Christ came to help men achieve.

Discussed by

2. Sacrament of the Lord's supper.—The betrayer goes out into the night.—Discourse following the supper.

What does the Lord's supper symbolize? Why is it necessary to meet together often to partake of the sacrament?

Discussed by

3. High-Priestly Prayer.—The Lord's agony in Gethsemane.—The betrayal and arrest.

Show the contradiction between Christ's love for the Jews and His calmly permitting them to smite him. In what way was Christ suffering for all men?

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a Matt. 26:3-5; see also Mark 14:1; Luke 22:1, 2.
- b Revised version of Matt. 26:5.
- c John 7:30, 44, 45-53; 11:47-57.
- d Matt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10, 11; Luke 22:3-6.
- e Matt. 26:15; compare Zech. 11:12.
- f Exo. 21:32; Zech. 11:12, 13.
- g Matt. 27:3-10.
- h Matt. 26:17.
- j Matt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13.
- m Luke 22:24-30.
- n Luke 14:7-11.
- o Luke 22:28.
- p John 13:1-20.
- r John 13:16.
- s Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19, 20.
- t Matt. 26:28.
- u 1 Cor. 11:23-34.
- v B. of M., 3 Nephi 18:6-11; Doc. and Cov. 20:75.
- x John 13:18-30.
- y Compare Psalm 41:9.
- z John 13:31-34.
- a Lev. 19:18.
- b Luke 22:32.
- c Isa. 53:12; compare Mark 15:28.
- d Read John 13:36-38; Luke 22:31-38; compare Matt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31.
- e John, chaps. 14, 15, 16.
- f John 14:1-4.
- h John 14:13, 14; compare 16:24.
- i John 14:15-20; compare verse 26; and 15:26.
- j Matt. 10:3, and Luke 6:16.
- l John 14:22-31.
- m John 15:1-8.
- o John 15:9-17.
- p John 15:18-27.
- q Compare Psalms 35:19; 69:4; 109:3.
- r John 16:13-15; read verses 1:15.
- s John 16:16; compare 7:33; 13:33; 14:19.
- t John 16:17, 23, 24; read verses 17-28.
- u Matt. 26:31; Mark 14:27; compare Zech. 13:7; see also Matt. 11:6.
- v Matt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:29-31.
- w Matt. 26:32; Mark 14:28; compare 16:7.
- x John 16:33.
- y John 17.
- a Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46.
- c Romans 8:15; Gal. 4:6.
- e John 13:37; Matt. 20:22; Mark 10:38, 39.
- f John 5:26-27; and 10:17, 18.
- g John 14:30.
- i Doc. and Cov. 19:16-19; compare 18:11. See also B. of M., 2 Nephi 9:5, 7, 21; Mosiah 3:7-14; 15:12; Alma 7:11-13; 11:40; 22:14; 34:8-15; 3 Nephi 11:11; 27:14, 15.
- j Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12.
- k John 18:3, 12.
- l Matt. 26:49, and 14:45.
- m Matt. 26:50.
- n John 18:9; compare 17:12.
- q Compare Isa. 52:8.

LESSON THIRTY-FOUR.

The Trial and Condemnation.

Pages 621-651.

1. The Jewish trial.—Christ before Annas and Caiaphas.

Show that the arrest of Jesus was illegal, there being no complaint, no warrant. What was the authority of Annas and Caiaphas that Jesus should be brought before them?

2. The illegal night court.—The morning session.—False witnesses and unrighteous conviction.—Peter's denial of his Lord.

Why was it unlawful for the trial of Jesus to be held at night? Show that it was unlawful to require the accused to testify against himself. Contrast the conduct of Jesus when unlawfully struck, with that of Paul, as recorded in Acts 23:3.

Discussed by

3. Christ's first arraignment before Pilate.—Before Herod.—Second appearance before Pilate.—Pilate's surrender to Jewish clamor.—The sentence of crucifixion.—Suicide of Judas Iscariot.

Give the details of the trial before Pilate and Herod. Note particularly Pilate's cowardice. What did Jesus mean in his answer to Pilate when He said, "My kingdom is not of this world"?

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

a John 18:13, 24.

b Matt. 26:57; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54.

d John 18:14; compare 11:49-50.

e John 18:19-23.

f John 18:22.

h Matt. 26:59-61; Mark 14:55-59.

i Matt. 26:61, and Mark 14:58.

j John 2:18-22.

k Luke 23:2.

l Matt. 26:63-66; compare Mark 14:61-64.

n Compare Mark 14:62.

o Matt. 26:65, 66.

p Lev. 21:10.

r Matt. 26:67; Mark 14:65; compare Luke 18:32; see also Isa. 50:6.

s Matt. 26:68; Luke 22:62-65.

t Mark 14:64.

- u Luke 22:66.
 v John 18:28.
 w Luke 22:66-71.
 y Mark 15:1; compare Matt. 27:1, 2; John 18:28.
 a Matt. 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18,
 25-27.
 b John 18:8, 9.
 c John 1:35, 40; 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20, 24.
 d Mark 14:30, 68, 72.
 f John 18:28-32.
 g Luke 23:2.
 h John 18:33-38; compare Matt. 27:11; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3, 4.
 i Luke 23:5-7.
 j Luke 23:8-12.
 l Luke 23:12.
 m Matt. 14:1; Mark 6:14; Luke 9:7, 9.
 n Luke 13:31, 32.
 o Luke 23:11.
 p Luke 23:13-25; Matt. 27:15-31; Mark 15:6-20; John 18:39, 40; 19:1-16.
 q Matt. 27:18; Mark 15:10.
 r Compare Luke 18:32.
 s Matt. 37:3-10; compare Acts 1:16-20.
 y Revised version of Matt. 27:5.
 z Acts 1:19; Matt. 27:8.

LESSON THIRTY-FIVE.

Death and Burial.

Pages 652-669.

1. On the way to Calvary.—The Lord's address to the daughters of Jerusalem.

Enlarge on the incidents which took place from the judgment hall to the place of execution.

Discussed by

2. The crucifixion.

What kind of wickedness is that which leads a nation to crucify their God?

Discussed by

3. Occurrences between the Lord's death and burial.—The sepulchre guarded.

Compare the darkness at the time of the Lord's death at Jerusalem with a similar phenomenon on the American continent. Show how closely each detail connected with our Lord's trial, crucifixion, and burial, corresponds with the prophecies.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- a* Matt. 27:31-33; Mark 15:20-22; Luke 23:26-33; John 19:16, 17.
e Matt. 27:34-50; Mark 15:23-37; Luke 23:33-46; John 19:18-30.
f Isa. 53:12; compare Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37.
h Numb. 12.
j Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23, 24; compare Psa. 22:18.
m Matt. 27:42, 43; compare Mark 15:32.
n John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32.
o Matt. 4:3, 6.
p Luke 23:42.
r John 19:25; compare Matt. 27:55, 56; Mark 15:40, 41; Luke 23:48, 49.
s See references last cited and Luke 8:2, 3.
t Luke 2:34, 35.
u Mark 15:25.
v Compare P. of G. P., Moses 7:37, 40, 48, 49, 56.
w John 19:28; compare Psa. 69:21.
y Doc. and Cov. 18:11; 19:16-19.
b Matt. 27:51-54; Mark 15:38, 39; Luke 23:47-49.
c John 19:31-37.
d Deut. 21:23.
e Exo. 12:46; Numb. 9:12; Psa. 34:20; John 19:36; 1 Cor. 5:7.
f John 20:27; B. of M., 3 Nephi 11:14, 15.
h John 19:34-37; compare Psa. 22:16, 17; Zech. 12:10; Rev. 1:7.
i Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42.
j John 3:1, 2; 7:50.
k See revised version, Mark 15:46.
l Matt. 27:62-66.

LESSON THIRTY-SIX.**In the Realm of Disembodied Spirits.**

Pages 670-677.

1. Actuality of the Lord's death.

Point out that the death of Jesus was similar to the death of mankind generally. What great lesson does His death teach, aside from the atonement?

Discussed by

2. Condition of spirits between death and resurrection.—The Savior among the dead.

Read again the statement of the Prophet Alma and also Sec. 76 Doc. & Cov., known as The Vision, concerning the condition of the disembodied spirit between death and resurrection; comment thereon, and bring to bear other scripture on this topic.

Discussed by

3. The Gospel preached to the spirits in prison.

Show the comprehensiveness of the gospel as a means of salvation. Briefly explain the work for the dead as carried on in the temples.

Discussed by

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

By

5. References:

- d* Note the distinction made by Paul, 2 Cor. 12:2-4.
e B. of M., Alma 40:11-14.
f 1 Peter 3:18-20.
g 1 Peter 4:5, 6.
h John 5:25-29.
i Isa. 24:21, 22.
j Isa. 42:5-7.
k Psalm 16:9-11.
m 1 Cor. 15:29.
n Acts 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5.
o Rom. 14:9.
p Luke 20:36, 38.

LESSON THIRTY-SEVEN.

The Resurrection and the Ascension.

Pages 678-699.

1. Christ is risen.—The women at the sepulchre.—Angelic communications.—The risen Lord seen by Mary Magdalene.—And by other women.—A priestly conspiracy of falsehood.

When, and upon what occasions, did Christ foretell His death and resurrection? How does the remark of Christ to Mary show that there is a distinction between Paradise and Heaven? Why were the Sadducees willing to resort to conspiracy and falsehood in order to shield the Roman guard from punishment?

Discussed by

2. The Lord and two disciples on the Emmaus road.—He appears to disciples in Jerusalem and eats in their presence.—Doubting Thomas

What concept of a resurrected being do you get from the actions of Christ after His resurrection? Show how the Savior's gentle rebuke administered to Thomas illustrates the need of faith in our religious experiences.

Discussed by

3. The Lord appears to the apostles at the sea of Tiberias.—Other manifestations in Galilee.

What is the significance of Christ's remark to Peter, "Feed my sheep"? Is John the Beloved a resurrected being? In what state did he appear when he helped to officiate in the restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood in this dispensation?

Discussed by

4. Final commission to the apostles.—The ascension.

Compare the final commission under which Jesus sent His

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apostles into the world with the commission by virtue of which our elders are sent into the world to preach the gospel. Do the same signs follow? Show the various ways in which a knowledge of the resurrection of the Savior may be obtained.

Discussed by

5. Bearing of testimony on any topic suggested by this lesson.

Discussed by

6. References:

- a* Matt. 28:1-4; see also verse 11.
- b* Matt. 28:5-7; compare Mark 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1-2.
- c* John 20:1-10.
- e* John 20:11-17.
- f* Mark 16:9.
- g* Luke 24:3-8.
- h* Matt. 28:9, 10.
- i* Luke 24:9-11; compare Mark 16:9-13.
- k* Matt. 28:11-15.
- l* Matt. 27:65, 66.
- m* Compare Acts 12:19.
- o* Acts 6:7; compare John 12:42.
- p* Luke 24:13-32; compare Mark 16:12.
- q* Luke 24:33-48; John 20:19-23.
- r* Matt. 28:10; John 20:17.
- s* Mark 16:7.
- t* 1 Cor. 15:5.
- u* Luke 24:42.
- v* John 20:21-23.
- w* John 20:24-29; compare Mark 16:14.
- x* Rev. 1:10; compare Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2.
- y* John 21:1-23.
- z* Matt. 28:10; Mark 16:7; compare Matt. 26:32; Mark 14:28.
- b* Luke 5:4-10.
- c* Matt. 26:33; Mark 14:29; compare Luke 22:33; John 13:37.
- d* Matt. 26:70, 72, 74.
- e* 2 Peter 1:14.
- f* Doc. and Cov. Sec. 7; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 28:1-12.
- g* Matt. 28:16-18.
- a* 1 Cor. 15:6.
- i* Acts 1:3.
- j* John 20:30; compare 21:25.
- k* John 20:31.
- l* Mark 16:15-18.
- m* Matt. 10:5, 6.
- n* Luke 24:49.
- o* Acts 1:5; see also Luke 24:49; compare John 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 13.
- p* Acts 1:7, 8; compare Matt. 24:36; Mark 13:32.
- q* Matt. 28:19, 20.
- r* Acts 1:9-11; see also Luke 24:50, 51.

LESSON THIRTY-EIGHT.

The Apostolic Ministry.

Pages 700-720.

1. Matthias ordained to the apostleship.

Explain the method followed in selecting and ordaining Matthias to the apostleship. Compare it with the form of procedure followed in the Church today.

Discussed by

2. **Bestowal of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost.—The apostles' preaching.—Imprisoned and delivered.—Gamaliel's advice to the council.**

Contrast the attitude of Peter at the time Jesus was brought before the High Priest, and his (Peter's) boldness on the day of Pentecost. How do you account for the change?

Have you seen or experienced the manifestation of the Holy Ghost in any miraculous manner?

Do you consider Gamaliel's advice to the council to be sound? Why? Analyze the principle which he enunciated.

Discussed by

3. **Stephen the martyr.—Saul of Tarsus, his conversion.—Becomes Paul the apostle.**

Explain what the Lord meant when he said to Saul, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." Why has Paul been called the Apostle to the Gentiles? Briefly narrate his labors among the Gentiles.

Discussed by

4. **The record by John the Revelator.—Close of the apostolic ministry.**

What evidence have we of the rapid growth of the early, primitive Church? What is the relation of John the Revelator to the apostolic ministry? Give as many predictions as possible which were made by ancient prophets, the Lord Jesus, and His apostles, concerning the approaching apostasy.

5. **Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.**

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6. **References:**

- a* Acts 1:15-26.
- b* Luke 24:52, 53; Acts 1:12-14.
- c* 1 Cor. 15:20; Rev. 1:5; Colos. 1:18.
- d* Matt. 27:52, 53.
- e* Acts 1:16; compare Psalm 41:9; see also John 13:18.
- f* Acts 1:20; compare Psalm 109:8.
- g* Acts 6:1-6.
- h* Acts 2:1-41.
- i* Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 5, 8.
- k* Acts 2:6.
- l* Joel 2:28, 29; compare Zech. 12:10.
- n* Acts 2:44-46; 4:32-37; 6:1-4.
- o* Acts 3:6; read the entire chapter.
- p* Acts 4:1-22.
- q* Acts 4:8-12; compare Psalm 118:22; Isa. 28:16; Matt. 21:42.
- r* Acts 5:12-17.
- s* Matt. 27:25; compare 23:35.
- t* Acts 22:3.
- a* Acts 5:33-40.
- u* Acts 6:7.
- v* Acts 6:8-15; and 7

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- w* Acts 7:1-53.
x Isa. 66:1, 2; see also Matt. 5:34, 35; 23:22.
y Acts 7:56.
z Acts 8:4; 11:19.
a Acts 6:9.
b Acts 22:3; compare 5:34.
d Acts 7:58; 8:1-3.
e Acts 8:1.
f Acts 9:1, 2; Acts 16:17; 18:25, 26; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22.
g Acts 9:3-29; 22:6-16; 26:12-18.
j Acts 9:26-28; 13:2, 3.
k Acts 13:9.
l Acts 16:37-40; 22:25-28; 23:27; 25:11; 26:32; 28:19.
m Acts 22:17-21.
n Acts 23:11.
o 1 Cor. 15:3-9.
q Col. 1:23; see verse 6.
r Acts 9:36-43.
s Rev. 1:9.
t Rev. 1:1; read the whole chapter.
u Rev. 1:10-20.
w Isa. 24:1-6; Amos 8:11, 12.
x Matt. 24:4, 5, 10-13, 23-26.
y Acts 20:17-31, particularly 29, 30; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; 2 Thess. 2:3, 4, 7, 8; 2 Peter 2:1-3, read the entire chapter and observe its application to conditions in the world today; Jude 3, 4, 17-19; Rev. 13:4, 6-9; 14:6, 7.

LESSON THIRTY-NINE.

Ministry of the Resurrected Christ on the Western Hemisphere.

Pages 721-744.

1. The Lord's death signalized by great calamities on the Western continent.—The voice of the Lord Jesus Christ heard.

Compare the glorious signs of His birth with the terrible signs of His death. Compare the enjoyment of the Holy Ghost with the experiencing of a miracle. Expand on the following: "Therefore, blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me, and be baptized after that ye have seen me, and know that I am; and again more blessed are they who shall believe in your words, because ye shall testify that ye have seen me and know that I am."

Discussed by

2. His visitations to the Nephites.—The Nephite Twelve.—Baptisms among the Nephites.—The Mosaic Law fulfilled.

Compare the number of persons who saw and heard Christ after His resurrection on the Eastern continent with the number who saw, heard, and felt of the hands and the feet of the Christ on the Western continent. Compare the words used by the Father in the introduction of the Christ: when baptized by John in Jordan; when the Christ first appeared to the Nephites; when Joseph Smith's first prayer was answered. What

degree of importance did Christ attach to the ordinance of baptism? Compare the statement in the Jewish scriptures with that in the Book of Mormon pertaining to the fulfilment of the Mosaic law.

Discussed by

3. Address to the Nephites compared with the Sermon on the Mount.—Sacrament of Bread and Wine instituted among the Nephites.

Discuss the address of the Christ to the Nephites in the light of a preamble to the principles and ordinances of the gospel. For what specific purpose was the sacrament instituted? On the second day's visit, where did the bread and wine come from? What responsibility rests upon those who are privileged to administer the sacrament to others? (Note that the duty of warning the unworthy against partaking of the Sacrament rests with the Bishopric, not with the deacons or others who are appointed to pass the bread and water amongst the congregation.)

Discussed by

4. Growth of the Church.—Final apostasy of the Nephites.

Discuss the consistency of the names of the various churches with that for which they stood when Joseph Smith received his first vision. Why should the name of an organization be consistent with that for which it stands? In what respect did the Savior consider the labors of the three disciples who should tarry to be of importance? Where and when has righteousness prevailed for the longest period in human history? What were the chief characteristics of the people during this period? How can human beings endure prosperity and progress without becoming proud and haughty?

Discussed by

5. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

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6. References:

- a John 10:16; compare B. of M., 3 Nephi 15:17-21.
- d Helaman 14:14-27.
- e 3 Nephi 2:1.
- f Exo. 10:21-23.
- g 3 Nephi 8:5-25; compare Helaman 14:20-27.
- h 3 Nephi chap. 9.
- i 3 Nephi, chap. 10.
- j Helaman 14:25; 3 Nephi 23:7-13; compare Matt. 27:52, 53.
- k 3 Nephi, chaps. 11-18 inclusive.
- l 3 Nephi 10:18.
- m 3 Nephi 11:7; compare Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 9:35; P. of G. P., Joseph Smith, 2:17.
- n 3 Nephi 11:12; compare 1 Nephi 12:6; 2 Nephi 26:1, 9; Alma 16:20.
- p 3 Nephi 11:23-28; compare Doc. and Cov. 20:72-74.
- q 3 Nephi 11:31-34; compare Mark 16:15, 16; see also John 12:48.
- r 3 Nephi 11:39-41.
- s 3 Nephi, chaps. 12, 13, 14; compare Matt. chaps. 5, 6, 7.
- t Matt. 5:18, and 3 Nephi 12:18; compare 46, 47; 15:2-10; and 9:17-20.
- u 3 Nephi 15:4-8.

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- v* 3 Nephi 15:11-24.
w 3 Nephi 16:4-20.
x 3 Nephi 17:22-24; read the entire chapter.
y 3 Nephi 18:1-14, 27-34; compare 1 Cor. 11:23-30. For prescribed manner of administering the Sacrament see Moroni, chaps. 4 and 5; compare Doc. and Cov. 20:75-79.
z 3 Nephi 18:19-23.
a 3 Nephi 18:36, 37; Moroni 2:1-3.
b 3 Nephi, chaps. 19-25, and 26:1-5.
d 3 Nephi, chap. 19:35, 36; read the entire chapter.
e 3 Nephi, chap. 20; see references to Isaiah given therein.
f 3 Nephi 21:4.
g 3 Nephi 21:1-7; for prophecies concerning subsequent events see remainder of chapter.
h 3 Nephi, chap. 22; compare Isa. chap. 54.
i 3 Nephi, chaps. 24 and 25; compare Malachi, chaps. 3 and 4.
j Doc. and Cov. 110:13-16.
k 3 Nephi 26:4, 5, 13-15.
l 3 Nephi 26:14-21.
m 3 Nephi, chaps. 26, 27, and 28:1-12.
o 3 Nephi 27:4-12.
q Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:30. See also 1 Nephi 12:9.
r 3 Nephi 27:32 and references given therewith.
s 3 Nephi 28:1; read verses 1-12.
t 3 Nephi 28:6-8.
u 3 Nephi 28:13-23; compare 4 Nephi 1:14, 29-33.
v 3 Nephi 28:39, 40.
w Mormon 8:10, 11; see also 3 Nephi 28:26-32, 36-40; 4 Nephi 1:14, 37; Ether 12:17.
x 3 Nephi 28:27-32.
y 4 Nephi 1:3; read 1:23.
z 4 Nephi 1:15, 16.
a 4 Nephi 1:25, 26.
c Mormon, chapters 1-9; and Moroni, chapter 10.

LESSON FORTY.

The Long Night of Apostasy.

Pages 745-757.

(Note.—For the further study of this lesson students are referred to Talmage's "The Great Apostasy," and Robert's "Outlines of Ecclesiastical History;" and "Introduction to the History of the Church," Vol. I).

1. The great falling away as predicted.—Individual apostasy from the Church.—Apostasy of the Church.

Explain the difference between apostasy from the Church, and apostasy of the Church. Show how there was an apostasy of the Church.

Discussed by

2. Constantine makes Christianity the religion of state.—Papal claim to secular authority.—Churchly tyranny.

What claims regarding spiritual authority are put forth by the Roman Catholic Church? Upon what basis do such claims rest? How did this church maintain its supremacy for several centuries?

Discussed by

3. The Dark Ages.—The inevitable revolt.

Describe the condition of the civilized world, religiously and otherwise, during the Dark Ages. Show that this condition corresponds with scriptural prophecy?

Discussed by

4. The Reformation.—Rise of Church of England.—Catholicism and Protestantism.—The apostasy affirmed.

What were the results of the Reformation in Europe? Which churches had their origin at this time? Show that they lack true authority for their claims as to being the Church of Jesus Christ.

Discussed by

5. Mission of Columbus and the Pilgrim Fathers predicted in ancient scriptures.—Fulfillment of the prophecies.—Establishment of American nation provided for.

What does the Book of Mormon teach in regard to Columbus? The Pilgrim Fathers? The American Revolution? Why did the Restoration of the gospel take place in the United States?

Discussed by

6. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

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d 2 Thess. 2:3, 4.

e Isa. 24:5.

f See 2 Tim. 4:1-4.

m Amos 8:11, 12.

o See B. of M., 1 Nephi 13:10-13.

LESSONS FORTY-ONE AND FORTY-TWO.

Personal Manifestations of God the Eternal Father and of His Son Jesus Christ in Modern Times.

Pages 758-779.

(Note: This chapter should be divided into two lessons.)

1. A new dispensation.—Joseph Smith's perplexity over sectarian strife.

What is meant by dispensation? What is meant by the "Dispensation of the Fulness of Times?" (See Note 1, p. 777.)

Describe the religious revival held in western New York. Discuss the phase of it which suggested to Joseph Smith the idea of going direct to the Lord with his troubles.

Discussed by

2. The Eternal Father and His Son Jesus Christ appear to and personally instruct Joseph Smith.

Describe the visitation. What important fact in relation to the Godhead was made known by this vision? What important

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fact was made known to Joseph Smith in relation to the churches?

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3. Visitation of Moroni.—The Book of Mormon.

What message did Moroni bring from the Lord to Joseph Smith which concerned him personally? What information did he receive at this time in relation to the records of the ancient inhabitants of America? How did Joseph verify the statements of the angel? When did he receive the plates? Who was the angel Moroni? What idea do you get of an angel from the description given of the angel?

Discussed by.....

4. Aaronic Priesthood restored by John the Baptist.—Melchizedek Priesthood restored by Peter, James, and John.

Define the two divisions of priesthood. Why did John the Baptist confer one, and Peter, James, and John the other?

5. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Designate the place, time, number of members of the organization. Why were there just six charter members? What special instruction did the Lord give Joseph in relation to the organization, membership, officers, ordinances, etc.?

What precedent was established for sustaining officers in the Church? How were the Twelve Apostles chosen?

Discussed by.....

6. Divine manifestations in Kirtland Temple.—The Lord Jesus Christ appears.

Give the testimony of Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon in relation to Jesus Christ. What was made known to Joseph at this time in relation to the degrees of glory? What was the object of the personal visit of Jesus Christ upon this occasion? What conception do you get of Jesus from the description given?

What was the object of the visit of Moses; and Elias; and Elijah? Why should different persons come to confer specific authority?

Discussed by.....

7. The Holy Priesthood now operative on earth.

What evidence do we have in the growth, progress and incidents connected with the establishment of the Church that the authority of God has really been committed to men? Point out the fulfillment of ancient prophecy in the work being done by the Church.

Discussed by.....

8. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

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9. References:

- a* P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:5-26.
b Eph. 1:9, 10.
c P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:29-54, 59.
f P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:28.
g P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:36-41.
h See B. of M., Mormon 6:6; Moroni 10:2.
i P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:68-69; Doc. and Cov. Sec. 13.
k Doc. and Cov. 27:8, 12, 13.
l Doc. and Cov. Sec. 20.
m Doc. and Cov. 20:2, 3; compare 21:11.
n Doc. and Cov. sections 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 14-20.
o Doc. and Cov. 18:27, 31-36; 20:38-44; 84:63, 64; 95:4; 107:23-25; 112:1, 14, 21, 118; 124:127-130.
p Rev. 14:6, 7.
q See Doc. and Cov. 76:11-24; and *History of the Church* under date specified.
r Doc. and Cov. 76:11-24.
s Doc. and Cov. 76:25-119.
u Doc. and Cov. 110:1-10.
v Doc. and Cov. 110:11-16.
z Isa. 2:2, 3; compare Micah 4:1, 2; see also Doc. and Cov. 29:8.
b P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 1:31, 36; compare Matt. 24:14, 30.

LESSON FORTY-THREE.

Jesus the Christ to Return.

Pages 780-793.

1. Ancient predictions of the Lord's second advent.—Modern revelation affirms the same.—Today and tomorrow.

Compare events of our Lord's coming in the meridian of time with the events foretold of His second coming. Mention some of the signs which were to foreshadow Christ's second advent. What do you observe in the conditions and activities of men today that indicates the nearness of Christ's advent?

Discussed by.....

2. The great and dreadful day near at hand.—Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven.

Distinguish between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven. Give the meaning of the following expression: "Thy kingdom come." Matt. 6:10.

Discussed by.....

3. The Millennium.—The celestial consummation.

Define the word "millennium." Describe some of the wonderful events which will take place during the millennial reign of Christ, as: immortals and mortals mingling together; the lengthening of life; the changes in government; death and resurrection without passing through the grave, etc. Briefly refer to the predictions concerning "the end of the world," and of this earth's

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receiving "its paradisiacal glory." What conditions of personal preparedness are necessary in order to successfully meet and enjoy these wonderful events of the future?

Discussed by.....

4. Bearing of testimony on some topic suggested by this lesson.

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5. References:

- a* Acts 1:11.
- b* Doc. and Cov. 110:8; compare 36:8; 42:36; 97:15, 16; 109:5; 124:27;
- 133:2.
- c* Jude 14, 15; compare Gen. 5:18; see next references following.
- d* P. of G. P., Moses 7:59, 60, 65.
- e* Isa. 35:4; and 40:10; see also Psalms 50:3; Mal. 3:1; 4:5, 6.
- f* Matt. 16:27.
- g* Mark 8:38; compare Luke 9:26.
- h* Matt. 26:64.
- i* Matt. 24:3; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:7; Acts 1:6.
- j* Matt. 24.
- k* See Acts 3:20, 21; 1 Cor. 4:5; 11:26; Philip. 3:20; 1 Thess. 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:15-18; 2 Thess. 2:1, 8; 1 Tim. 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13; James 5:7, 8; 1 Peter 1:5-7; 4:13; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14, etc.
- l* B. of M., 3 Nephi 26:3, 4.
- m* B. of M., 3 Nephi 28:7, 8; see also 29:2.
- n* Doc. and Cov. 29:9-11.
- o* Doc. and Cov. 33:17, 18.
- p* Doc. and Cov. 34:4, 8.
- q* Doc. and Cov. 45:37-44; compare this section with Matt. 24 and Luke 21:5-36. See also Doc. and Cov. 49:23-28.
- r* Doc. and Cov. 64:23-25.
- s* Matt. 24:36; compare Mark 13:32-37.
- t* Doc. and Cov. 49:7. The context here shows that the words are those of the Father.
- u* 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; compare Matt. 24:43, 44; 25:13; Luke 12:39, 40.
- w* Doc. and Cov. 49:24, 25.
- x* Doc. and Cov. 45:68-71.
- y* Doc. and Cov. 133:7-14, 21-35.
- z* Doc. and Cov. 88:86-92.
- a* Doc. and Cov. 110:14, 16; compare Joel 2:31; Mal. 4:5; B. of M., 3 Nephi 25:5.
- b* Doc. and Cov. 29:11-17.
- c* 1 Thess. 4:14-17.
- d* B. of M., 3 Nephi 28:8.
- e* Doc. and Cov. 88:95-98.
- f* Doc. and Cov. 29:12.
- h* Doc. and Cov. 29:12; compare Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:30.
- i* B. of M., 3 Nephi 27:27; compare 1 Nephi 12:9, 10; Mormon 3:18, 19.
- j* Doc. and Cov. 65.
- k* Rev. 20:1-6; compare Doc. and Cov. 43:18.
- l* Doc. and Cov. 63:50, 51; 101:30; compare 1 Cor. 15:51-57.
- m* P. of G. P., Moses 7:63-65.
- n* Doc. and Cov. 101:23-32; compare Isa. 65:17-25 and 11:6-9; see also Doc. and Cov. 29:11, 22; 43:30; 63:51.
- o* Rev. 20:7-15.
- p* Doc. and Cov. 43:30-34.
- q* Rev. 20:11-15.
- r* 1 Cor. 15:24-27.
- s* Doc. and Cov. 76:107, 108.